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America allays Israeli fears

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (R) — The White House, in a move to avoid a new rift with Israel, said Tuesday the United States had not changed its policy toward Israel and had no plans to sell sophisticated weapons to Jordan.

The assurances were given by White House spokesman Larry Speakes after Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin strongly criticized indications from Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the United States might sell missiles and aircraft to Jordan.

Begin condemned remarks by Weinberger during his Middle East trip last week suggesting that he favored the sale. "There is no change in policy toward Israel," Speakes said. "There is no proposal or plan for us to sell weapons to Jordan."

Speakes said a policy statement by President Reagan denying a shift in attitude toward Israel was under issue by the White House Tuesday afternoon.

Speakes said the United States had received a request from Jordan for arms. "There is a constant review of arms sales...but as of now we don't have anything (i.e., no plans to sell them to Jordan)," he said.

Other officials said Reagan had drafted a letter assuring Begin that U.S. relations with Israel would remain close despite his administration's criticisms of certain aspects of Israeli actions from time to time. President Reagan made his effort to defuse the controversy as a new hard-line Israeli envoy Moshe Arens, officially began his duties in Washington.

Hama rebels holding out

DAMASCUS, Feb. 16 (AP) — Syria's two-week attempt to put down a revolt by the Muslim Brotherhood in the northern city of Hama was bogged down Tuesday by die-hard rebels fighting from ingeniously constructed hideouts that suggested the revolt was planned well in advance, sources said.

The well-placed source said the army was fighting from building to building, and in some cases from room to room, to wipe out the rebels who started the revolt Feb. 2.

One source said the anti-regime fighters had prepared "artificial walls" in some of Hama's ancient buildings. He said Syrian soldiers trying to mop up the resistance were being taken by surprise by grenades and bursts of gunfire from buildings that were thought to have been emptied of rebels.

The situation is such that if government soldiers are in the first floor of a hotel, they do not know if they have the building because the rebels might be in a room upstairs or behind an artificial wall," said the source who asked not to be identified.

He and other Syrian sources acknowledged that hand-to-hand fighting continued for at least the third day in Hama's extensive network of catacombs built by Roman empire occupiers.

The Hama uprising is the most serious confrontation that President Hafez Assad has had to face against his opponents, waging a two-and-a-half-year campaign of attacks against this Soviet-allied government.

The city of 250,000 residents, which for decades has been a hotbed still sealed off Tuesday, ringed by tanks and artillery that had pounded several neighborhoods since the hostilities erupted. The regime said the international road linking Damascus, the capital, with southern Turkey and passing through Syria's second-largest city of Aleppo was open, though there was a detour around besieged Hama.

An estimated 2,000 rebels and 400 government troops have been wounded in the fighting, said a well-placed source late last week in the only estimate of casualties. There has been no mention here of how many from either side have died.

Spokesmen for the information ministry had told reporters they could visit Hama Sunday.

Second disaster in two days Soviet ship sinks in stormy Atlantic

HALIFAX, Canada, Feb. 16 (AP) — The second disaster in this area in two days occurred when a Soviet freighter sank in 50-foot (15-meter) waves in the storm-tossed north Atlantic Tuesday. Officials said four or five people were rescued but about 15 drowned and 18 were missing.

The freighter sank between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. some 240 nautical miles east to Newfoundland in an area 65 miles (104-km) east of where the world's biggest oil rig capsized Monday leaving 84 workers believed dead.

The 4,262-ton Soviet freighter, *Mekhanik Tarasov*, went down as two vessels tried for several hours to assist the container ship when it ran into trouble in heavy seas. Officials said about 15 bodies had been recovered.

A spokesman for the Halifax search and rescue center said two life rafts had been spotted and a third was missing.

"We don't know where it (the third raft) is...it could be on the sunken ship," the spokesman said.

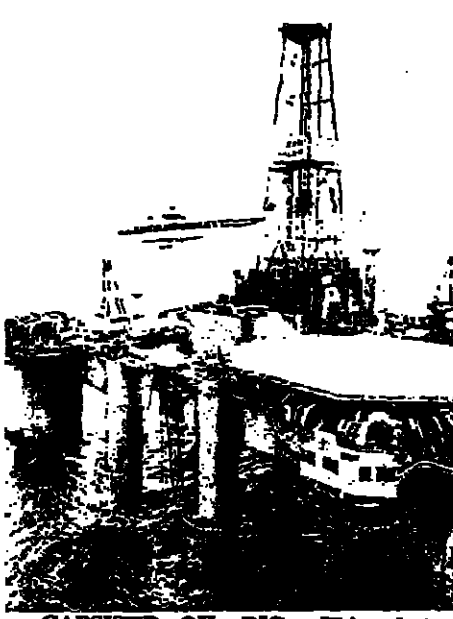
The *Mekhanik Tarasov* had developed a 45-degree list overnight in 40 knot winds, heavy seas and freezing spray.

Commenting on the previous day's disaster, oil company experts and rig builders said Tuesday it was "incredible" there were no survivors from the 84 men working on the Odeco Ocean Ranger rig which sank Monday off Newfoundland, Canada.

A French oil company drilling director said it was "surprising, incredible" that no one was alive given the strict security measures aboard such rigs and the sophisticated equipment workers have at hand.

In case of accident, rig workers are supposed to evacuate in watertight lifeboats which are unsinkable, self-righting and equipped with safety flares and radios.

The way to these lifeboats is clearly marked on the rigs. Evacuation drills "in real conditions" are held each week, said



CAPSIZE OIL RIG: This photo shows the "Ocean Ranger" before it capsized on Monday leaving no survivors. Ballasts at each side of the rig are divided to allow the platform to float with one extremely damaged.

the French director, whose company operates mainly in the North Sea under conditions similar to those experienced by the Odeco Ocean Ranger in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

In addition, offshore workers are provided with special lifejackets and wet suits to enable them to survive for about an hour in freezing waters.

Rescuers saved a man after two hours and 35 minutes in the North Sea following the collapse of the Alexander Kielland rig on March 27, 1980, in which 123 people died.

Generally, a small cargo ship is permanently stationed near offshore oil rigs as a stand-by safety measure. Such a vessel

brought in the first body from Monday's disaster.

Despite all these precautions, and salary bonuses of as much as 40 percent, offshore oil rig work remains among the most dangerous possible, especially in hostile environments like the North Sea and waters off Canada and Alaska.

An International Labor Bureau report in December 1981 said accident risks in offshore rig work were 10 times higher than in coal mines.

Ocean experts said it is "extremely difficult" to rescue men from seas such as those in the Gulf of St. Lawrence Monday, where waves were 15 meters high and winds were gusting up to 135 kph (80 mph).

During the Alexander Kielland disaster, in similar conditions, survivors said there were problems dropping the lifeboat.

But experts from oil rig construction companies said Tuesday they remained confident in the reliability of the Odeco rig, built in 1976. "It's not the work of an amateur," said an official from a French company.

A Toronto-based professional diver familiar with conditions in the St. Lawrence Gulf said Monday that it was surprising the Ocean Ranger had gone under since ballasts at each side of the rig were divided so as to allow the platform to float even with one extremely damaged.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, ocean drilling and exploration company spokesman Al Spindler said the rig should have been able to stay afloat in worse weather than the high seas and heavy winds in the North Atlantic at the time.

"The Ocean Ranger was designed to withstand, simultaneously, 115 mph (180 kph) winds, three-knot currents and 110-foot (40-meter) waves," he said. "We've had much smaller rigs go through more wicked weather than what I understood they had."

Call to lift food sanctions Western curbs said hurting Polish people

GENEVA, Feb. 16 (R) — A World Council of Churches (WCC) delegation just back from Poland said Tuesday it believed Western economic sanctions were hurting the Polish people and called for protests against food sanctions in particular.

The four-man team, which spoke to church and state officials during a visit last week, also said it felt martial law was generally accepted in Poland as a "painful necessity" to avoid civil war.

"Churches in Western countries which have initiated economic sanction against Poland should express their concern to their governments on the effects on ordinary Poles of the use of food as a political weapon," the four said in their report to the World Council, which groups most non-Catholic Christian churches in the world.

After martial law was imposed in Poland last December, President Reagan halted all U.S. government-sponsored food shipments to Poland and suspended Poland's right to fish in American waters. Last month, foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) agreed funds earmarked for subsidies on EEC food sales to Poland would be used instead to help pay for gifts of food and humanitarian aid to be distributed in Poland outside government channels.



The team met Poland's military leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, state officials and leaders of Poland's Protestant and orthodox churches.

The delegation, which was invited by the Polish Ecumenical Council, included Orthodox Metropolitan John of Helsinki, American Lutheran Presiding Bishop David Preis, United Reformed Provincial Moderator Fred Kaan of Britain and Ninan Koshy of the WCC Commission on International Affairs.

During their two-hour meeting with Gen. Jaruzelski, he repeated earlier statements that most martial law restrictions could be lifted by the end of February if no new developments at home or abroad prevented this, they said. He reacted angrily when asked about Western economic sanctions, especially at a United States embargo on feed grains, which he said would hurt poultry production, Bishop Preis said.

According to Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, secretary of the Roman Catholic Bishops' conference, the number of camps for political detainees has dropped from 49 to 16 and conditions were now good in most of them.

With the exception of Metropolitan John, the churchmen defended their report that martial law seemed to be accepted by saying

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With BA strike extending to 3rd terminal Pilots, officers carry baggage, clean aircraft

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Striking British Airways baggage handlers and service staff at London Heathrow airport's domestic and European terminals voted Tuesday to extend their action to the airport's third terminal, used for trans-Atlantic and other long-haul flights.

The week-long strike by 2,000 workers has so far largely been foiled by pilots and other white-collar staff who have been humping passengers' baggage on board themselves.

The strike is in protest against new work schedules imposed by the financially strapped state-owned airline.

At a mass meeting Tuesday, the strikers voted — against the advice of their Transport and General Workers' Union — to picket Terminal 3 from Wednesday, hoping to get

the several hundred service staff there to support them.

"It's too early to say whether there will be any disruption of our long-haul flights because of this," a British Airways spokesman said.

"But it's been working very well at the other two terminals up to now with volunteer staff doing the work. Only about 10 percent of our flights have been canceled."

Pilots, executives, accountants, stewardesses and secretaries have been carrying

baggage, cleaning aircraft and loading meals.

The strike began soon after a major rival, Sir Freddie Laker's independent Laker Airways, went bust Feb. 5, prompting some public resentment of British Airways. It lost 141 million pounds (nearly \$260 million) of taxpayers' money last year.

Shop steward Mike Le Cornu told Tuesday's meeting the new duty rosters, increasing the working week by 90 minutes to 40 hours, were "completely unacceptable."

Soviet threat to Gulf seen receding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Lt. Gen. Robert C. Kingston, commander of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, said Tuesday any threat of direct Soviet military action in the Gulf area has diminished for at least the time being because the Soviets are "tied down" in Afghanistan and Poland.

"An overt Soviet invasion is least likely to occur at this time," Kingston told a group of newsmen. "I think that they are tied up in Afghanistan and I think they are tied up in Poland."

"I think they have a pretty full plate."

At another point, Kingston said, "I feel strongly the Soviets do not want a direct military confrontation with the United States at this time in Southwest Asia or anywhere else."

The main purpose of Kingston's force, now being developed, is to project major U.S. military power into Southwest Asia and parts of the Middle East to prevent any Soviet thrust at the region.

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OPEC chief urges swift cut in output

ABU DHABI, Feb. 16 (R) — OPEC President Mana Said Al-Oteiba called in a newspaper interview Tuesday for swift cuts in oil production to deal with the current world glut, ruling out the other option of lowering OPEC official prices.

Dr. Oteiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, told the daily Arabic-language newspaper *Al-Bayan*: Cutting prices will not solve the problem of the market surplus and the successful solution is to cut production.

The benchmark of \$34 for Saudi Arabian light crude would remain as it is, he said. All 13 members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) align their contract prices on the benchmark.

The glut has sent prices tumbling on the spot, non-contract market and several OPEC members, notably Algeria, Kuwait, Libya and Iran, have been hard hit by a buyer revolt.

Iran has twice shaved one dollar from its contract prices this month, according to industry sources. London and New York stockbroker analysts say that Iranian-style unilateral price reductions, if copied by other hard-

pressed exporters in OPEC, could bring the group's whole price structure crashing down.

Oteiba said he was in constant touch with colleagues on a possible emergency OPEC meeting before the next scheduled talks in Quito, Ecuador, on May 20 but added that no agreement has been reached on a special session.

He said "the present circumstances in the market have reached a stage which has forced most OPEC members to produce less than their financial requirements...this applies to states like Kuwait, Libya and Iran."

"We are now in an exceptional situation. This should be dealt with swiftly in order to return balance to the market and the only way is to cut production to absorb the surplus even if this action will inflict temporary financial loss on us."

Several broker analysts concur that output cuts, would be OPEC's best answer to the glut, rather than across-the-board price reductions.

Oteiba said in the interview that OPEC was prepared to talk with major oil companies if they wished but stressed that it was not seeking any help from them.

Spot oil price slide continues

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 16 (R) — The oil glut resulted in further falls in crude oil prices on the spot, non-contract market this week, market sources said.

They said Saudi Arabian light crude traded at \$30.50 a barrel, down from \$32 a week ago and well below the official (OPEC) rate of \$34 — the benchmark on which the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries align contract prices.

Higher-quality North Sea crudes, which usually command a premium over Saudi Arabian light, also traded as low as \$30.50, the sources said. Britain's official contract price for North Sea oil is \$35, following a \$1.50 cut this month.

Operators said little crude oil business was being done on the spot market, where producers unload oil they cannot sell under contract and refiners make up contract shortages.

Analysts such as Carol Ferguson of British

brokers Wood MacKenzie said the slack, declining spot market is signaling that there is pressure to cut production to help get a better supply/demand balance.

The spot price for gasoline, the most widely-traded refined oil product, rallied a little this week, up \$5 to \$283 a ton, market sources said.

They said Soviet deliveries which helped depress the price in January were drying up.

One operator said the market was talked down in late January by some big traders negotiating long-term supply contracts with the Soviet Union and Algeria at prices based on spot quotes.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, a New York industry newsletter, said this week speculative traders were also influencing the spot crude market, trying to accelerate the drop by talking of prices 30 to 50 cents below levels at which deals were later found to have been concluded.

Yamani rebuts media report

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Monday night categorically denied an Agency France Presse (AFP) report claiming some South Yemeni elements have been trained in the Kingdom to carry out subversive activities in South Yemen.

Dr. Yamani said in a statement that the Kingdom has no relation whatsoever with such elements. He added that "it does not permit the use of its territories for conspiracy against any Arab state, guided by its faith, values, principles and policy which is based on non-

interference in the internal affairs of any state, and also in observance of good-neighborliness and the ties that bind the peoples of the Arab nation."

The minister reiterated that "such accusations aim at damaging the strong relations existing among the peoples of the Arab and Islamic nation. Our responsibility enjoins upon us to thwart the attempts of such malicious people who are anxious to sow seeds of discord and difference through their fabricated lies", Yamani added.

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For capital's sewage works

SR192m contracts let

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam signed Tuesday two contracts for developing sewage networks in several parts of the capital. The contracts cost SR192 million. Prince Sattam is also vice-chairman of the Riyadh Sewage and Water Department.

Umran Al-Umran, the department's director general, said the two contracts are part of a series allocated for Riyadh. One of the contracts, worth SR151 million, was awarded to a joint Saudi-foreign firm under which a sewage network will be built for the southern parts of the city. The districts covered include Hallat Ibn Dayel and a major part of Manfouha and nearby areas. Work is expected to be completed within 43 months.

The second contract, won by a national company at a cost of SR41 million, provides for extending a network for Meathar district and the area bound by the Thamaneen and Takhasusi streets. The contract provides for the completion of work in 24 months, Umran said.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Province Sewage and Water Department is currently carrying out projects worth SR89.5 million in Ahssa and other parts of the province.

According to the department's director, Abdullah Al-Babtain, Tuesday, the projects include laying of 24,000 meters of sewage pipes in Dammam, building a control station and extending branch lines to link houses. Another project provides for the replacement of drinking water pipelines for Mahasin and Qadisiya in Ahssa with an overall length of 17,970 meters.

Four water tanks of 2,000 cubic meters each are under construction in several towns. The department also installed modern purification units to treat water obtained from several new wells dug recently in Dammam, Alkhobar and Hofuf, to supply fresh water to residents of new districts, he said. A contract for supplying chlorine gas and operating fresh water purification and sewage water treatment plants in Hofuf, Alkhobar and Dammam was also let.

The department decided to conduct a final study on the first phase of the recycling of fresh and sewage water between Dammam, Alkhobar and Dhahran, in addition to building a water tower. The study has been commissioned to a consulting company at SR3.9 million, Babtain said.

Aliens to be questioned on smuggling

RIYADH, Feb. 16 — The Customs Department will open an inquiry within the coming few days with 19 persons thought to have smuggled subsidized foodstuffs from Saudi Arabia to other countries, Al Riyadh reported Tuesday.

A Commerce Ministry spokesman said that the fact that certain food items are sold at an incredibly low price in Saudi Arabia — sometimes half their real value at their origin — encourages dishonest people to smuggle them out of the Kingdom. As an example, he cited flour, rice, sugar and edible oil, which

are heavily subsidized.

Soon a study will be prepared on foodstuffs and other items which expatriates in the Kingdom are always keen to buy and take with them to their countries because of their low price resulting also from insignificant customs fees, the spokesman said.

The Saudi Arabian government this year paid some SR1 billion in subsidies and is granting various facilities to merchants and shop keepers to encourage them to bring down their prices in favor of consumers.

Abdul Wasie OK's mosque projects

DAMMAM, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Wasie Tuesday approved the award of over SR4 million in contracts for a number of construction projects in the Eastern Province.

According to Seif Ibrahim Seif, director general of endowments and mosques in the Eastern Province, the projects include the construction of a mosque in Hafir Al-Baten,

an Eid prayer ground in Salwa and a mosque each in three rural areas. Sites for the projects will be handed over in the next few days, he added.

In a separate development, the Department of Endowments in Baha will organize the fifth annual mosques cleaning week starting Feb. 27. In coordination with the Directorate of Education, it has divided the area into 16 sectors.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Wednesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:26	5:29	5:01	4:49	5:14	5:46
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:52	3:23	3:08	3:33	4:01
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:20	6:18	5:49	5:34	5:59	6:26
Isha (Night)	7:50	7:48	7:19	7:04	7:29	7:56

Tunisian minister inspects Ahssa farms

AHSA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Tunisian Farming Minister Al-Asaad ibn Asman toured Tuesday a number of agricultural projects in the Ahssa region. He was accompanied by Muhammad Al-Babtain, Ahssa irrigation and drainage authority director general, and other officials.

The tour included the authority's veterinary training center, the agricultural research center, the date processing factory and the irrigation and drainage installations. Asman was also taken on a sight-seeing tour of Ahssa's historical sites.

The Tunisian minister, who is here in the context of his current visit to the country, expressed admiration for the advancement in projects and the state's attention to agriculture. He arrived in Riyadh Sunday and held talks with his counterpart, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-

Sheikh, and a number of ministers to discuss the promotion of cooperation.

In another development, Dr. Al-Sheikh invited consulting houses to prepare studies and designs for a proposed water project serving Afif, Dawadmi and several other villages. The project fits into the Agriculture and Water Ministry's program to establish large regional projects which serve a number of towns and villages. Such a project, the Washem water plan, was completed recently to supply more than 10 towns and villages.

The studies for the proposed project will include examining sites for wells, determining routes of pipelines and estimating the quantity of water consumed by residents. The designs will be based on the results of the studies.

In other news, the Saudi Arabian

Ahssa farms

Fisheries Company in Dammam has handed over sites for two proposed cold storage facilities to the executing company. The storage facilities to be built in Dammam and Jizan, will have a capacity of 800 tons each. Contracts for building the two facilities was Al-Sheikh, in his capacity as chairman of the fisheries company, last Saturday.

Dr. Nasser Othman Al-Saleh, the company's director general, said Tuesday that the company has stopped catching shrimp in Arabian Gulf waters because the season has ended. Nowshrimps are transported to the Eastern Province from Jizan, in the south-west, at an average of 10 tons a week. Of these, eight tons are frozen shrimp transported by freezer trucks and the remaining two are air freighted fresh, Saleh said.

Communication officials discuss boosting contact

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mainsouri met with visiting Sri Lankan Communication and Religious Minister Muhammad Haniff Muhammad here Tuesday.

During the meeting, which was attended by Abdullah Bogas, undersecretary for pilgrimage and endowments, the two sides discussed possible ways of bolstering cooperation in the fields of transport and communications. The talks complemented discussions held earlier by the visiting minister during his previous visit to the Kingdom.

The Sri Lankan minister, who arrived here early Tuesday in the context of his current visit to the Kingdom, was met at the airport by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie minister of pilgrimage and endowments, and several ministry officials.

On Monday, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, welcomed Haniff Muhammad and his delegation at the MWL headquarters in Makkah. After the meeting, Haniff said the talks mainly dealt with the condition of Muslims in Sri Lanka and the activities of the recently formed National Council for Mosques in that country.

The MWL chief added that he is devoting full attention to the needs of Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, Haniff Muhammad expressed appreciation of the MWL's aid to the Muslims of his country.

Training programs set

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The Education Ministry will conduct two training programs on teaching technology and laboratory specializations as of the next academic year. All educational directorates will nominate two personnel to participate in the courses.

The teaching technology program will be held at Riyadh's Education Academy, while the second, laboratory specializations, will be organized by King Saud University of Riyadh.

KFU organizes first palms seminar

AHSA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The first seminar about planting and care of date palms will be organized by King Faisal University of the Eastern Province March 23 to 25 at the Agricultural Research and Veterinary Training Station here.

The seminar, to be attended by Arab and foreign experts in palm trees and professors

in Saudi Arabian universities, will discuss planting date palms, their qualities, the relations between the type of soil and water for the trees and diseases that affect palm trees. KFU will also organize a show in the seminar's duration about latest agricultural equipment and machinery and a book exhibition as well.

BRIEFS

RIYADH — Tom Murin, president of Westinghouse electric corp. public systems company, arrived here Tuesday on a two-week visit to the Kingdom. Murin, who heads the company whose activities include the defense group, will meet with leading businessmen and government officials.

RIYADH (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) has urged the Kingdom's dairies to abide by the validity periods. SASO has specified a validity period of five days for curd (Laban); seven days for yoghurt (Laban Zabadi); 15 days for Labneh and six weeks for UHT products. The dairies have been asked to mention the date of manufacture on the containers.

JEDDAH — Saudi Telephone has announced that the community of Qatif will soon have double the number of telephone lines it presently has available. Qatif, located in Saudi Telephone's Dammam district, is now being served by a 6,000-line exchange. The extension to Qatif's capacity will raise this number to 12,000 lines. Telephone numbers in Qatif begin with the "855" prefix, followed by four digits. Subscribers in Qatif have access to the full range of Saudi Telephone's modern services, a press release said.

DAMMAM (SPA) — The Vocational Training Center has fixed Feb. 24 as the last date for registration for those wishing to join the electricity training course. The applicants should be Saudi nationals and should be between the age group of 17 and 21 years. They should have reached up to the fifth year of the primary level and be also medically fit, the center said.

RIYADH (SPA) — Dr. Francois Remy, regional director of the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and M. Koenig, UNICEF representative in Bangladesh, arrived here Monday on a three-day visit. The two officials will confer with Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, the organization's special envoy and head of the Arab Gulf Countries' Program to Foster U.N. Developmental Institutions. They will also meet other UNICEF officials in the Kingdom. They were met at the airport by Salah Allawi, UNICEF representative in Saudi Arabia; Program Director Anwar Hussein; and other officials.



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Gulf investment body's accord set by experts

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The legal drafting of the Articles of Agreement and the Statutes of the Gulf Investment Organization was completed here Tuesday by governmental experts appointed by the finance ministers of member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Both documents will be submitted for the ministers' approval at the second meeting next June.

GCC finance ministers decided to set up the organization when they met here last month. Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, GCC assistant secretary general for economic affairs, said that the committee did not touch on the

substance of the documents, but only took care of the juridical drafting. He added that all GCC states will finance the organization's budget which will be invested at home and abroad. But the organization will mainly help the development and economic integration of the Arabian Gulf countries, he said.

It will also endeavor to create sources of additional revenues and to diversify the GCC states' income sources. Only the governments will fund the organization's budget at the beginning, he pointed out. Later, 49 percent of the organization's shares will be floated for public subscription. Quwaiz added.

Iryani lauds Kingdom's aid

SANAA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — North Yemen's Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani reiterated here Tuesday that relations between his country and Saudi Arabia were getting stronger day by day.

In a speech delivered at the opening ceremony of Salam Hospital in Saada, Iryani expressed gratitude for Saudi Arabia's assistance to North Yemen in various spheres.

Saudi Arabian Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri, who attended the ceremony, reaffirmed that both countries maintained age-old historic relations.

The hospital, which is considered one of the fruits of bilateral cooperation, has cost SR250 million and is one of the most modern

hospitals in the Arabian peninsula as regards equipment and potentialities.

In another development, North Yemeni Social Development Minister Fuad Oaed Muhammad has lauded the brotherly ties existing between North Yemen and Saudi Arabia. In a statement published in *Al-Madinah* Tuesday, the Yemeni minister said the relations between the countries are guided by the Islamic faith and good-neighborliness. He added that bilateral ties were always based on consultation, meetings, supporting of Yemeni efforts toward development and modernization and striving to protect the peninsula and the Gulf from any threats, whether from East or West.

Films to be produced on marine life

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Six films will be produced on marine life in the Arabian Gulf under the title "Gulf Treasures" according to a contract signed Tuesday between Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Al-Rasheed, director general of the Arabian Gulf Education Bureau and the Arabian Gulf Joint Program Production Organization.

The bureau will contribute 65,000 Bahraini Dinars to the project, apart from the scientific contribution. The films will acquaint the public with the geographical and geological structure of the Gulf and some biological facts. They will deal with the formation of

coral reefs and the relationship between oil and its derivative and marine life. The films will highlight the effect of oil on marine resources, such as fish, coral reefs and pearls. They will also cover the life of the people of coastal areas.

Other institutions contributing in this activity are the Kuwaiti Scientific Advance Institution and Kuwait University.

Abdullah meets U.S. army team

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received Tuesday a delegation of U.S. businessmen led by John West, former U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom.

Later, the prince welcomed a delegation of the U.S. army medical services, headed by Lt. Gen. Mittermeyer, general surgeon in the U.S. Army.

Sabah receives ibn Fahd

KUWAIT, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah received Tuesday Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the Saudi Youth Welfare and chairman of the Saudi Olympic committee. Earlier Tuesday, Prince Faisal met with Kuwait Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Riyadh-Rabat ties commended

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Moroccan Endowments and Religious Affairs Minister Al-Hashimi Al Felali Tuesday expressed his satisfaction over the developing relations between the Kingdom and his country.

In an interview published in *Al-Madinah* newspaper, Felali described the Saudi-Moroccan relations as "a model to be followed by other Arab states."

Felali reiterated his country's support for the Islamic countries' struggle against colonialism and occupation.

Meanwhile, Moroccan Interior Minister Idris Al-Masri is to arrive in Jeddah Thursday for an official visit to the Kingdom.

He will hold talks with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Naif on cooperation and will sign a draft security agreement between the two countries. Besides, Masri will represent his country at the extraordinary session of Arab interior ministers, due to begin in Riyadh Monday.

Miteb confers with Craig, Bishara

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, met here Tuesday with the British ambassador to the Kingdom Sir James Craig.

During their meeting the two sides reviewed ways of bolstering cooperation between the Kingdom and Britain.

Meanwhile, Prince Miteb also met Tuesday with Gulf Cooperation Council's Secretary General Sheikh Abdullah Bishara, and discussed possible ways of developing cooperation among the GCC states, especially in the field of public works, housing and municipal and rural affairs.

Municipality, ACE discuss cleaning

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Jeddah Municipality's Coordination Committee held a meeting Tuesday with representatives of the Arabian Cleaning Enterprise, the company commissioned for the city's cleaning for five years.

Both sides agreed that the company will be responsible for all cleaning works previously done by the municipality, including insect fighting and removing junk cars, according to Wahib Kabli, assistant mayor, who presided over the meeting.

ACE won the SR1-billion, five-year contract for cleaning Jeddah last year. However, it will assume cleaning responsibilities as of Feb. 22 in a first phase. It comprises downtown and Ruwais. As new workforce of 2,000 Indians will man the company's modern cleaning machinery.

In regard to garbage collection, Kabli told Arab News that small containers will be distributed to each house and larger containers will be stationed near every building. Collection crews will operate on shifts beginning at 4 a.m. Cleaning will reach the narrow streets where vehicles cannot enter manual equipment. Main streets will be cleaned with sophisticated machinery.

ACE has completed surveys aimed at determining the sizes of the garbage cans and the quantity needed to cover the city.

An ACE source said that the company has 150 garbage collection trucks. The company will organize a public awareness campaign of three months to help citizens communicate easier with ACE workers and indicate the timings of garbage collection crews' movement.

The cleaning contract also provides for maintenance and collection of data on asphalted and non-asphalted roads, population, buildings and construction surveys, to present the municipality with an up-to-date picture of the city, its needs and problems.

Jeddah to host Islamic academy

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The Islamic Jurisprudence Academy will have its headquarters in Jeddah, according to the recommendation of a draft committee, an offshoot of the expanded experts' committee which was formed to study the basic project of the academy.

The committee also recommended that the academy uphold its image within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and strive to realize Islamic unity at all theoretical, practical, social and international levels in accordance with the Islamic law (Sharia). Another recommendation provided that every OIC member state has an active member in the academy also.

The committee concluded its deliberations here Tuesday, after a series of meetings held on the basis of a resolution adopted by the 12th conference of Islamic foreign ministers. Representatives from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Tunisia, Kuwait, Senegal, Malaysia, Lebanon, Palestine, Algeria, Morocco, North Yemen and Sudan attended the meetings.

Djibouti gets IDB loan

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank Tuesday approved \$150,000 for Djibouti to finance the feasibility studies and designs to expand and modernize the Djibouti International Airport.

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Israelis arrest 9 West Bank students

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (R) — Israeli forces arrested nine Palestinian youths during student demonstrations in several parts of the occupied West Bank Tuesday, military sources said.

Outside Bir Zeit University, where students Monday attacked and wounded an Israeli official, roads were blocked and youths stoned Israeli vehicles. They told reporters they were protesting against the continued confinement of student council members to their homes. Several student activists have been unable to attend classes for some months after taking part in anti-Israeli demonstrations.

Disturbances were also reported in Ramallah, several neighboring villages and in the town of Jenin where the arrests were made, the sources said.

Arabs in the newly-annexed Golan Heights were on general strike for the third day Tuesday in a protest against the detention by Israel of four local leaders. All shops and schools on the Heights have been closed since Sunday after Israel detained four community leaders on alleged incitement.

The entire population have come out against last December's annexation of the region, occupied from Syria in 1967.

Arabs study strategy on Lebanon

TUNIS, Feb. 16 (AFP) — An Arab committee to work out a strategy against possible Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon met for the first time here Tuesday and heard Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi warn that the Lebanese problem bears "the germs of a fifth Israeli-Arab war."

He advocated wider deployment of the United Nations buffer force "to avoid leaving Israel the slightest military presence" in southern Lebanon. Klibi urged Arab governments to give Lebanon money and military equipment to guarantee its sovereignty.

Qaboos, Mubarak ponder Middle East security

MUSCAT, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday began talks with Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'ed of Oman on mending Egypt's Arab fences and the security perspectives in the Middle East.

Mubarak, who arrived earlier, accompanied by Foreign Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, was given a red carpet welcome at the airport by Sultan Qaboos, members of the royal family and top Omani officials. Radio Oman described the two-day trip as "an historic and important visit" and said it was aimed at "closing Arab ranks against aggression". Mubarak, a former commander of the Egyptian airforce, has visited Oman several times as vice president to the late Anwar Sadat.

Oman Radio said Sultan Qaboos extended an invitation to Mubarak to visit Oman "in the interest of Arab unity, because the Arabs

Sinai force arriving March 20

SHARM EL SHEIKH, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Preparations are on target for the final Israeli withdrawal from Sinai April 25, with the arrival from March 20 of a multinational force which will take over peacekeeping duties in the peninsula.

An American company is pressing ahead with building at what will be the two main bases Etam Airport in the north and Sharm El Sheikh in the south, and only annexes will remain to be completed by April 25, Israeli officials say. Israeli authorities have allowed visits to the bases in a clear bid to indicate determination to abide by the date and conditions of the Camp David accords, under which the Sinai is being handed back to Egypt.

PLO leader blames U.S. policy

LONDON, Feb. 16 (R) — A Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader said Tuesday U.S. policy in the Middle East was forcing the Arabs into the arms of the Soviet Union.

Khaled Alq Hassan, a founder member of the PLO movement and PLO leader Yasser Arafat's associate, said the whole Arab world rejected Washington's view that the main threat to the region came from Moscow. "This policy is opening more and more doors to the Soviet Union," he said in a lecture to Britain's Royal Institute of International Affairs.

He said some Arabs believed the United States was deliberately pushing the Middle East into the arms of the Soviets, so it could

must unite" against aggression. Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin said in Cairo before Mubarak's departure that "Egypt expects positive results from this visit and a common vision of the future concerning the Middle East conflict and the problems of the region."

Press reports indicate that the discussions, within the framework of regular exchanges between Cairo and Muscat, will center on the strengthening of military and political ties between their two countries and the Middle East situation in general. One important related subject, Cairo newspapers added, was Mubarak's recent tour of Europe and the United States, during which he reportedly asked U.S. President Ronald Reagan to increase military and economic aid to Oman, Sudan and Somalia, who have maintained diplomatic relations with Egypt after the 1979 peace with Israel.

The bulk of the 2,500-strong multinational force will comprise troops from the United States, Fiji and Colombia, while smaller units will come from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Uruguay. The northern base will house Fijian and Colombian troops, and will be the headquarters for commander-in-Chief General Frederick Bull-Hansen of Norway, Director-General Leamon Hunt of the U.S., and 75 American civilian observers.

then ask for bases in the region. Hassan said U.S. policy in favor of Israel was also helping hardliners in the Arab camp. "As the doors to the Soviet Union open more and more, radicals without any real ideology are coming to the surface — either from the extreme left or right."

In answer to questions, Hassan said the PLO could not consider recognizing Israel until the establishment of a Palestinian state. "Recognition is an act of sovereignty, not that of a political party or an individual. The question of recognition cannot be decided before having our own state," he said. He added that the Palestinians could never recognize the doctrine of Zionism because it was aimed at eliminating them.

Castro urges support to Palestinians

HAVANA, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Cuban leader Fidel Castro, current chairman of the nonaligned countries, has called on the movement to back the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to prevent what he called attempts to destroy the Palestinian people.

The movement should use "all its moral and political" weight to prevent the "United States and Israel finishing off the destruction of the Palestinian people and starting a new Middle East war which would lead to a conflict of unforeseen dimensions," President Castro said in a statement released here late Monday.

The Cuban president also foresaw "the

Kuwait, Qatar rulers discuss Middle East

KUWAIT, Feb. 16 (AP) — The rulers of Kuwait and Qatar held talks Tuesday on the Middle East situation with particular emphasis on "developments in the Gulf Area," according to Qatar's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Ahmad Bin Saif Al Thani.

The meeting between the two leaders, Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah of Kuwait and Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, was attended by the foreign and interior ministers of both Gulf countries. The two states are members in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The GCC members are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Bahrain was the target last December of an aborted, allegedly Iranian-backed plot to overthrow the government.

The Qatar ruler arrived here Monday on a three-day visit.

U.S. senator gives clean chit to Turkey

ANKARA, Feb. 16 (AP) — U.S. Sen. John G. Tower, R-Texas, Tuesday expressed satisfaction with the "overall performance" of Turkey's military rulers.


Tower, on a one-day visit in his capacity as the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, met with Turkish President Gen. Kenan Evren, Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu and Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen.

imminent possibility of a full scale Israeli military attack against the Palestinian people in south Lebanon, and against the PLO." He called on the nonaligned movement to back diplomatic action in the United Nations and elsewhere. "Israeli authorities plan to massacre the Palestinian people and destroy the PLO," he said.

"The United States has just shown the pro-

tection that it gives to the criminal and illegal actions by the Israelis by preventing, through its vote, the application by the United Nations Security Council of sanctions against Tel Aviv because of its annexation of the Golan Heights," he added.

A full scale attack on the Palestinians would threaten the "security of the region and the whole world," Castro concluded.



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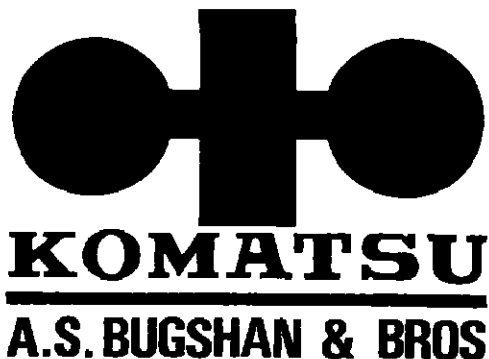


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Soviets retake Kandahar, Herat

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Combined Soviet and Afghan forces have recaptured Kandahar and Herat, Afghanistan's second and third largest cities, establishing a measure of control they have not had for several months, Western diplomatic sources said here Tuesday.

The government forces have apparently been able to take advantage of winter conditions to launch major offensives against strongholds across the country of the Muslim resistance fighters opposed to Soviet troops that entered the country in December 1979. Hundreds of persons were believed to have died during shelling at Kandahar, in the south of the country, late last month. Soviet and Afghan troops are now patrolling the cities at will, without encountering any opposition, an Afghan source who visited the city said.

Mujahideen fighters, who had occupied the city center from dusk for nearly a year, have withdrawn, apparently at the request of local people. Kabul radio has said the city was calm, and has denied that civilians had come under bombardment during the government offensive.

Extensive patrols were also reported at Herat, in the west of the country near the border with Iran, with checkpoints operating up to 15 kms from the city.

Last Wednesday, one week after a bomb attack on the governor's residence, the Soviet Army surrounded the town and searched houses. They met little resistance. The Soviet forces rounded up several residents and herded them into one of the stadiums where informers — masked to prevent reprisals later — pointed out the Mujahideen, the diplomatic sources said.

The denounced Mujahideen were then taken off to an undisclosed destination, probably a detention center, while their fellow citizens were released, the sources added. Last Tuesday, two attacks were reported at

Kabul.

Radio Kabul confirmed the killing by a commando of police Lt. Col. Muhammad Nabi, while a grenade hurled at the home of the deputy education minister, Sarwar Mengal, caused only material damage. Fearing further attacks, sentries on guard outside the ministry are under orders not to allow passers-by to approach too close, ordering them cross to the other side of the road.

Despite the operations at Herat and Kandahar, and the isolated attacks, the capital has remained calm. Diplomats have attributed this to cold and snow, which have driven the Mujahideen back to the surrounding mountains. Operations were also reported from north of Kabul, in Parwan province, and the demolition of houses has continued along the road from Kabul to the Soviet border to clear the verges and reduce the risk of ambush.

A colonel in charge of the operation was captured last Thursday and burnt alive in his vehicle near the village of Hussain Kot, sources at Kabul said. From their golf course at Karga to the north of the town, diplomats have also said they had seen helicopter bombardments in the Paghman region, 20 kms from the capital. Despite incessant fighting there in recent months, the region has remained mostly under the control of the resistance forces.

One Afghan source in Kabul, who is said to be in touch with the Muslim resistance fighters, said the territory conceded to the government troops would be retaken in the spring. He added that the government would not be able to hold any of the land it has captured in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, United Nations officials investigating the alleged use of chemical weapons in Afghanistan visited the Pakistani side of the border Tuesday, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

The U.N. officials drove to the border outpost of Torkham, 225 kms northwest of Islamabad, on the Khyber Pass, the agency said. The four-man team, which had a mandate from the U.N. General Assembly to look into the use of chemical weapons, earlier interviewed Afghan refugees and Pakistani doctors in Peshawar, capital of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province.

The agency said they were shown gas masks and special shoes for use in chemical warfare brought from Afghanistan. An estimated 2.5 million Afghans have fled to Pakistan since Soviet troops moved into their country more than two years ago.

Earlier on its arrival, the team also saw two American diplomats, authoritative sources said. The sources said the U.S. diplomats passed on no information about the issue and the meeting involved just a general discussion about the team's mission.

BRIEFS

MUSCAT, (R) — Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, the ruler of Oman, Saturday merged the ministries of justice and awqaf (religious endowments) into a ministry of justice, awqaf and Islamic affairs, headed by Hilal Bin Hamad Al-Sammar, who was the justice minister. The awqaf minister, Walid Bin Zahir Al-Hinai, was appointed adviser on interior affairs.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Aga Shahi has resigned and President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq has appointed Sahibzada Yakub Ali Khan, the former ambassador to France, in his place, it was announced Tuesday.

RABAT, (R) — Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouabid will make an official visit to China from Feb. 22 to 28, his office announced Tuesday. It will be the first such visit by a Moroccan prime minister.

NICOSIA, (R) — The Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam will visit Cyprus some time next month, an official spokesman announced Tuesday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israel's cost of living index rose by 8.3 percent in January, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced Tuesday.

RABAT, (R) — Central Morocco was blanketed with snow Tuesday. The ministry of equipment said several highways were blocked to traffic, notably the main road between Fez and Marrakesh and routes running eastward toward the Atlas Mountains.

MUSCAT, (R) — At least 250 persons were made homeless in flash floods following heavy rains in northwest Oman Monday night, police said. There were no casualties in the region, which borders the United Arab Emirates. The floods near Buraimi blocked roads, stranding motorists. Hundreds of homeless sought refuge in government buildings or the homes of friends. Police said road conditions returned to normal Tuesday.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klifi has postponed an official visit to Japan scheduled for Feb. 12-26, the foreign ministry announced Tuesday. The postponement is due to the visits he has to make to various Arab capitals.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Commanders of the multinational force that is to monitor the Israeli-Egyptian peace have agreed to station some U.S. soldiers on the strategic Gulf of Aqaba Island of Tiran, Israel television said Monday.

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi have agreed to meet in the near future, Syrian newspapers reported Tuesday. The two reached the agreement during a telephone conversation Monday night, according to the reports. No date was given for the meeting. South Yemeni Prime Minister Ali Nasser Muhammad, who was visiting Tripoli Monday, also spoke by telephone with Assad, and expressed support for the Syrian response to "imperialist-Zionist plans."

Djibouti, Ethiopia linked by solar telephone lines

DJIBOUTI, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Sun-powered telephone lines have come into operation between the Horn of Africa state of Djibouti and neighboring Ethiopia, taking advantage of the region's year-round sunshine.

Communications with Djibouti and the Ethiopian town of Assab to the north are now assured by a mountain-top solar generator, and a total of 30 lines link Djibouti with Addis Ababa, Dire-Dawa and Harar to the southwest, and Assab. The

\$312,500 project, brought into service Monday has been carried out by a French company with Djibouti paying 50 percent of the cost and lending Ethiopia another 40 percent to be repaid over a number of years.

Djibouti, which relies heavily on trade, intends to introduce similar improved links with its immediate neighbors, including Somalia and North and South Yemen, with the aid of the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund.

Sekota town captured, says TPLF

KHARTOUM, Feb. 16 (R) — Volunteers of the Tigray People's Liberation Front fighting for the independence of the Ethiopian province of Tigray said Monday they have captured the garrison town of Sekota, 65 kms west of Addis Ababa.

A statement released here by the TPLF said the attack on the garrison took place Saturday. In over four hours of fierce fighting, the TPLF fighters killed 107 Ethiopian troops, the governor of the district, and two officers, the statement said. They also took 230 prisoners and seized arms, equipment and foodstuffs.

The TPLF fighters last month carried out military operations in all parts of Tigray killing 267 soldiers and capturing 39, the statement added. Tigray adjoins Eritrea where other rebel groups are fighting the Ethiopian government for independence.

Volunteers fighting for the independence of Eritrea from Ethiopia announced Sunday that they have killed 219, wounded 115 and captured 126 pro-government troops in the province in the past five days.

New party complicates Chad issue

YAOUNDE, Feb. 16 (AFP) — News of the formation of yet another political party in faction-ridden Chad has thrown into question the cohesion of the country's so-called transitional Government of National Unity (GUNT), as it faces immense pressure to negotiate with its enemies.

Following reports Monday of the founding of the National Democratic and Popular Assembly, headed by the GUNT's Justice

Minister Kassire Delwa Koumakoye, observers in neighboring Cameroon wondered how long President Goukouni Ouedde's administration can keep up opposition to such talks urged during the past few days since a call by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for the GUNT to talk with the rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

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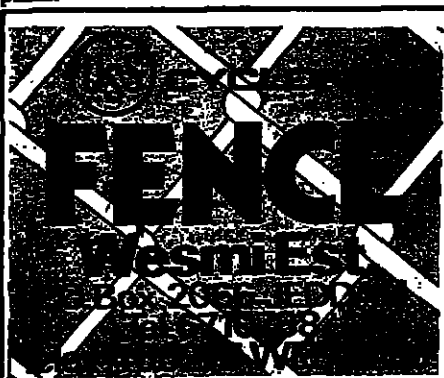
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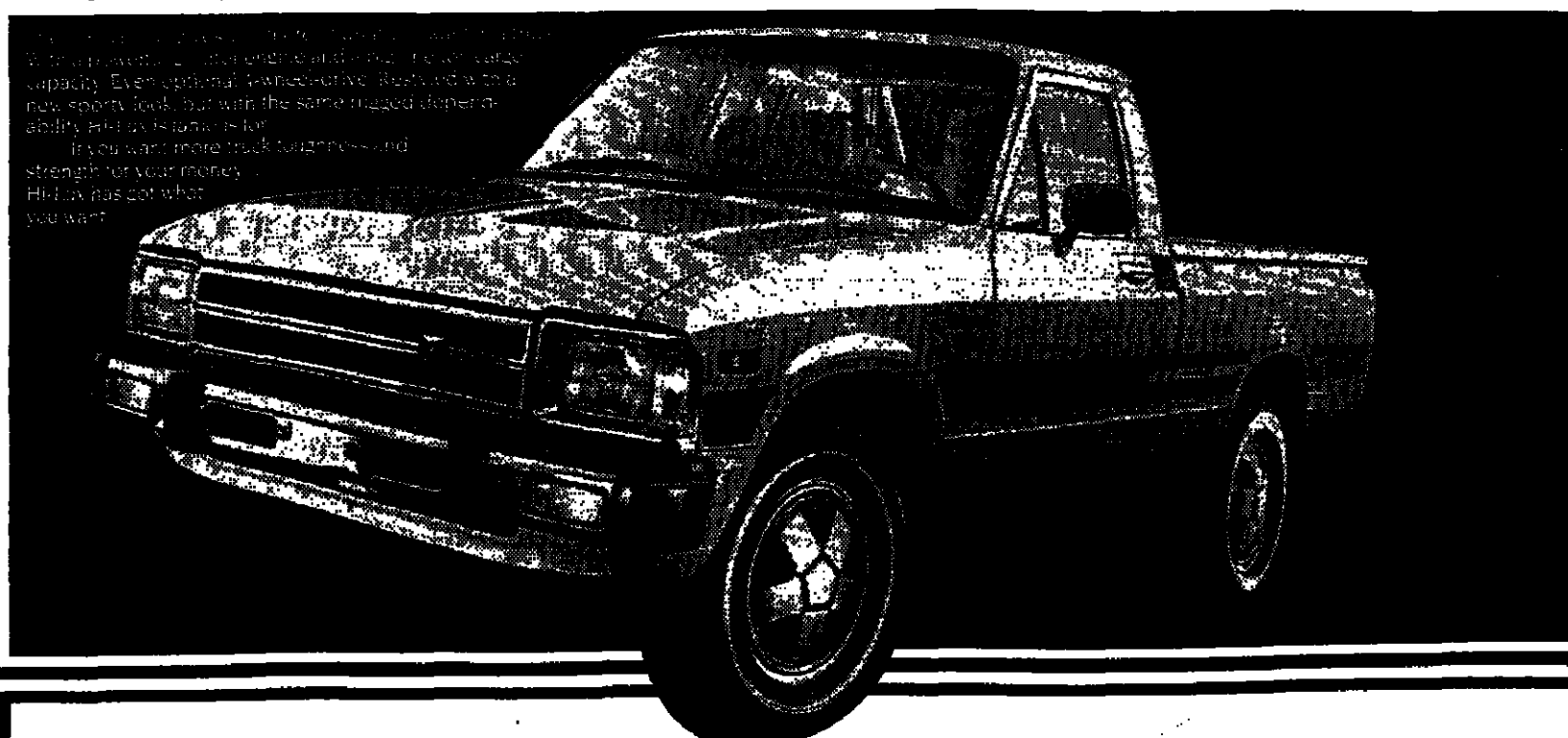
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NEW ISRAELI MOVES

There are increasing signs that Israel is preparing for a move, probably against Lebanon, before April 25 when it is due to hand over the rest of Sinai back to Egypt. Observers agree that the south of Lebanon is the most likely target, as the area is virtually open to it, and as attacks in other directions might lead to unforeseen consequences.

Where observers disagree is on the scale of the operation. It could be restricted to the Lebanese south, with strikes against Palestinian concentrations in such areas as Nabatiyah, Tyre and the Ain al Hilwa refugee camp near Sidon. Or it could take the shape of a more massive blow against Palestinian military and civilian concentrations throughout Lebanon, from Tripoli to Tyre, including the refugee camps in and near Beirut. A third alternative would be a push in the south designed to gain and hold strategic footholds throughout the area.

The international press had already reported that an Israeli attack on Lebanon was called off at the last minute around two weeks ago. The reason was strong American pressure, which sought to delay any Israeli action until after Phillip Habib has had a chance to make his rounds of the Middle East.

Official Lebanese sources fear that the Israelis will not be held off for much longer and that the attack will take place before the end of this month. President Elias Sarkis has already asked Arab countries to redouble their efforts with the American administration and friendly countries so that maximum pressure is kept on the Israelis.

Saudi Arabian press review

Attempts to raise doubts on Saudi Arabia's role in ensuring peace and security in the region figured for editorial comments in Tuesday's newspapers.

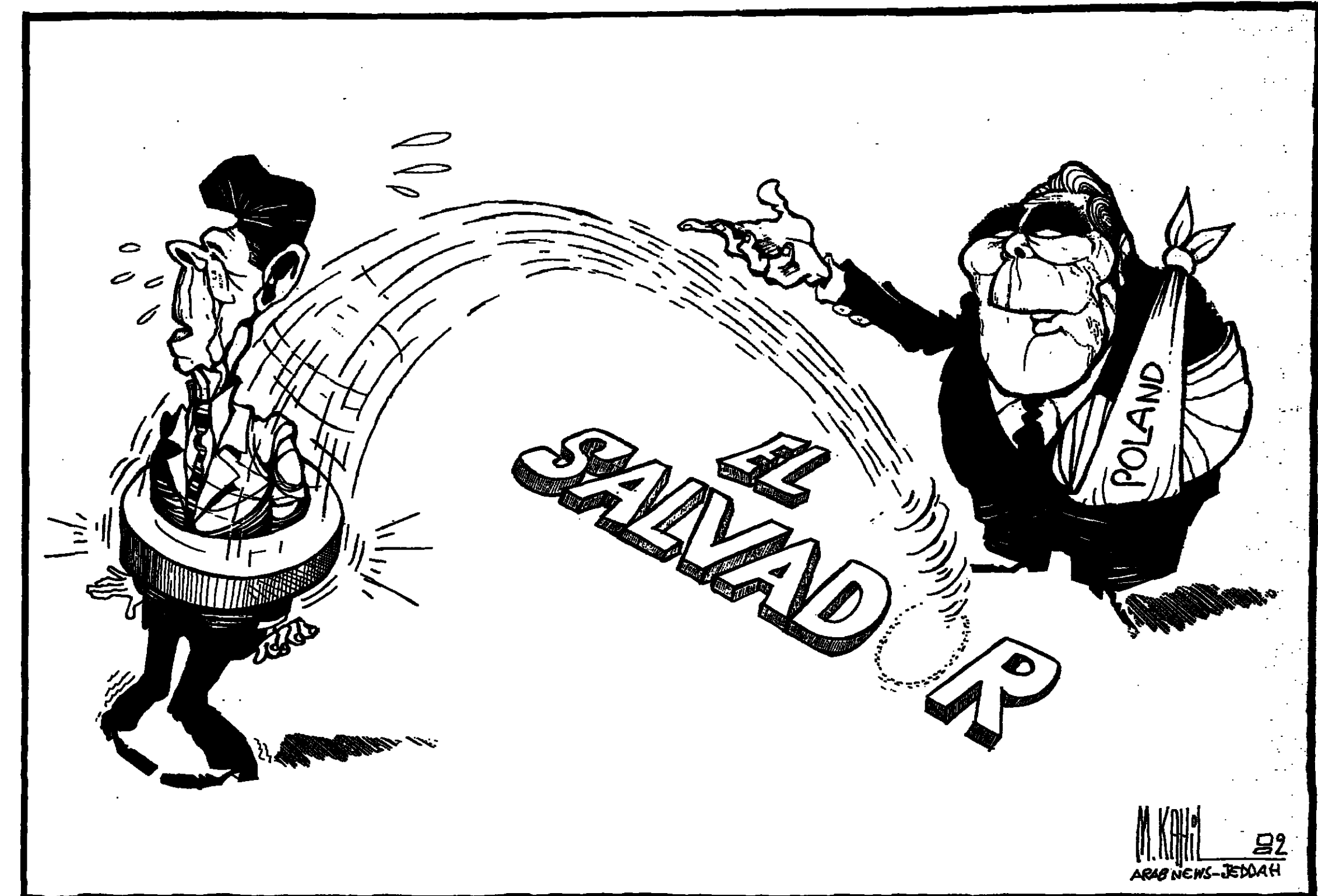
Al-Bilad condemned the malicious doubts raised by agents of foreign powers to question the Kingdom's role in stressing Arab and Islamic issues during the visit of U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger to Riyadh last week. It said no honest man can deny the Kingdom's prime goal in fostering Arab and Islamic solidarity to face dangers threatening the existence of the Arab nation.

Referring to Weinberger's talks in Riyadh, the paper noted the Kingdom has repeatedly declared it has the right to diversify its arms sources to provide its army with the most sophisticated weapons as Saudi Arabia's prime concern is to depend not only its own territories and sovereignty but also every inch of the Arab and Islamic world. "The Kingdom's noble goal and big responsibility toward Arabs and Muslims all over the world, is well recognized and the evil intentions of those who try to fish in troubled waters are doomed to failure," the paper added.

Al-Madinah said the Kingdom's policy is known for its rejection of any foreign pacts or alliances since Islamic and Arab solidarity and sovereignty are Saudi Arabia's prime objectives. "The Kingdom is working hard to reinforce channels of good relations between the Arab world and other countries to realize Arab rights and noble goals," the paper said.

It urged the promotion of Arab ties with the peoples of the free

(SPA)



Rebels' attack mars El Salvador's election campaign

By aul Ellman

SAN SALVADOR — The official start to campaigning for next month's elections should have given El Salvador's ruling junta something to crow about two weeks ago.

Instead, the event turned into a fiasco. The junta's guerrilla opponents, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, seized the initiative by staging a dramatic attack on the country's principal air base, knocking out a significant proportion of the air force, assassinating a leading member of one of the seven parties fighting the election and launched a public relations drive to show that they

are willing to negotiate a peaceful end to the war which has claimed more than 30,000 lives.

The latest setbacks to the government headed by President Jose Napoleon Duarte coincided with alarm signals from the U.S. Embassy here that, unless aid is increased speedily, the government's forces will not be able to prevent the guerrillas from extending their hold on large areas of countryside.

The U.S. responded to the attack on the Ilopango Air Base, eight miles east of the capital, by announcing that it would despatch \$55 million in emergency military equipment to replace aircraft destroyed by the guerrillas. The current provision for 1982 is only \$25 million, \$10 million less than

for last year. But \$15 million has already been accounted for by the emergency training programs for Salvadoran troops currently underway at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

It is a measure of how badly the United States considers the Salvadoran security forces to be faring against the guerrillas that virtually the entire student body of the local military academy, the Escuela Militar, has been shipped to Fort Benning.

Despite revelations of the slaughter of civilians by security forces in operations in the north of the country, President Reagan has certified that the junta was making sufficient progress on a number of fronts, including human rights, to warrant the con-

tinuation of American aid. Congress has made a presidential certification on these lines every six months a condition for granting aid to El Salvador.

With the election campaign now underway, the Reagan administration's position henceforth is likely to be that it is entirely in the hands of Congress whether El Salvador will be able to hold a free and fair poll on March 28 as planned.

Although U.S. officials are reluctant to disclose how much extra aid is needed to keep the present junta in place and allow for the prosecution of the war after the elections, President Duarte has said that his security forces need to be doubled in size to 50,000 men. This would give them the 10-to-one ratio of superiority over the guerrillas that counter-insurgency theorists argue is necessary in a war of this sort. But, it assumes that the main guerrilla fighting force will not expand beyond its present level of 5,000 to 6,000.

Despite the olive branch purportedly held out by the guerrilla leadership last month, there is no expectation in San Salvador that an early end to the war is in sight, despite the increasingly ruinous state of the economy as a result of the conflict. "Once we've had the elections, we'll be able to get all the aid we need to go in and wipe out the guerrillas", forecast one Salvadoran politician.

Only three of the seven parties are expected to make a significant showing in the poll — Duarte's Christian Democrats, the National Reconciliation Party, and the Republican National Alliance (Arenas). The latter is led by Maj. Roberto d'Aubuisson, a former National Guard officer who has been publicly linked by United States officials to the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero in 1980 and efforts to overthrow the government.

Because of its close ties to the security forces and paramilitary groups, Arenas is expected to gather in a large share of the rural vote.

A victory by d'Aubuisson is a nightmarish prospect for the United States. Not only has he been linked to the dark side of political repression in El Salvador, he is also banned from entering the United States because he slipped into the country illegally and gave a number of press conferences last year after escaping from custody while being held on charges of organizing a coup. (ONS)

Reagan may reverse ban on chemical weapons

By Stephen Aubin and Jon England

Just as the allegations of Soviet atrocities with biological weapons are beginning to gain credibility, the United States may take a step that would largely free the Soviets of culpability. The Reagan administration is about to request a major allocation for the development and stockpiling of binary weapons, a technology in which two chemicals held in separate compartments are mixed on firing so as to produce a lethal gas.

An announcement reversing the ban on the production of chemical and biological weapons, which was imposed by President Nixon in 1969, is likely to provoke the same response from Europe as the neutron bomb fiasco did during the Carter administration. International opinion would be sacrificed: the world would find it far more difficult to distinguish between U.S. and Soviet chemical-weapons policies, dealing irreparable damage to the Reagan administration's ideological battle with the Soviet Union.

The evidence of Soviet-sponsored use of mycotoxins in Laos, Kampuchea and Afghanistan should not be clouded. The United States must not be thrown onto the defensive, allowing the Soviets to evade world condemnation.

These mycotoxins, produced from the fusarium fungus, have provided the Soviets with a killing agent that is efficient and relatively easy to produce and that leaves no trace. When a victim encounters the deadly toxin, various symptoms occur, depending on the mix and strength of toxin strains. Nausea, difficulty in breathing, convulsions and bloody defecation precede a gruesome death that results from drowning in one's own blood as internal membranes burst. Every body opening bleeds profusely. Several hours later, the corpse turns black.

There have been widespread reports from refugees about "yellow-rain" chemical attacks in Laos against the Hmong Hill tribes. Similar reports have come out of Kampuchea and, more recently,

Afghanistan. The common symptoms cannot be explained by coincidence; the similarities are too overwhelming. The evidence should be sufficient to persuade any reasonable person that the alleged chemical attacks against largely defenseless civilians are not just Western fabrications.

Last September, when U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig accused the Soviets of using mycotoxins in Southeast Asia, there was an initial flurry of indignation. But these expressions of outrage were short-lived. There are three broad reasons why the Soviet Union has not yet been brought to task by the United States and, more generally, by nations around the globe: The skepticism of the scientific community, the residual effects of the Vietnam syndrome and the force of Soviet propaganda.

The doubts voiced by many in the scientific community can be explained in part by the general nature of scientific discovery. Although scientists are usually preoccupied with precision, science itself has often rested on unproved theories. Philosopher Karl Popper once remarked that theories can never be verified — they can only be falsified. As theories have been disproved and discarded, skepticism has increased. In the case of "yellow rain," the sort of evidence that persuades scientists is hard to come by (the mycotoxins are fully metabolized, and thus leave no trace). Overwhelming circumstantial evidence, however, should be sufficient proof.

The press, with some justification, has been wary of being used by the Reagan administration to support its view of the world in East-West cold war terms. Underlying this caution is the heritage of the Vietnam war, which has not been expunged from the American psyche.

Finally, the Soviets' propaganda has been somewhat effective in deflecting criticism and diverting attention from their present use of mycotoxins. They have falsely charged that the United States is engaged in biological warfare in Cuba, issued frequent reminders of U.S. use of Agent Orange in

Vietnam and cited the inability of the United Nations to verify the allegations of "yellow rain." (The U.N. team was not allowed to enter Laos or Kampuchea; moreover, the team reported directly to a Soviet official in the U.N. bureaucracy.)

If the Reagan administration goes ahead with its plan to allocate more than \$4 billion over several years for expanding the U.S. chemical arsenal, Soviet propaganda efforts would be greatly enhanced. Such a decision would also make it very difficult for other nations to distinguish between U.S. and Soviet use of poisonous gases.

In terms of technology, binary weapons are a real improvement; they are far safer to handle and store than conventional chemical weapons. But it's doubtful whether the new weapons would deter the Soviets from using conventional toxic weapons. A move to produce even a small number of binary weapons is certain to be controversial with the Europeans, who are justifiably concerned with the possible modes of deployment. The reaction to talk about basing the new weapons on U.S. Air Force bases in Britain has foreshadowed the uproar to come; is it worth it? Finally, who will be responsible for these weapons? How accountable will they be? Past experiences with Agent Orange have demonstrated some of the difficulties of maintaining control over chemical weapons.

The U.S. administration will soon announce a two-track policy by which it hopes to start producing binary weapons while also proposing a round of treaty talks on banning biological and chemical weapons. Though the treaty proposal might force attention on the Soviets' "yellow rain," it could also be a ploy to help legitimize the United States' own chemical arsenal buildup.

The Soviets' continued use of biological warfare in remote regions makes wide use of such weapons more likely in the future. To be able to effectively and credibly put pressure on the Soviets to stop using lethal gases, the United States should exercise restraint and abandon its current plans. (LAT)

Japanese rightists call for militarist policy

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO —

"What Japan needs is a revolution," says 83-year-old Bin Akao, legendary leader of one of the country's most visible and vocal right-wing organizations, the Aikoku-To or Patriotic Party. "We will build up a military force; and we can even have atomic bombs."

Akao, his white hair waving in the wind, has been delivering much the same message from street corners for more than 20 years, but lately other groups have begun to compete with his loudspeaker trucks on the streets of Tokyo and elsewhere. Rightists themselves estimate that a thousand right-wing organizations are now vying for public attention. Many are financed by the Yakuza, Japan's notorious gangster groups who have links with figures in government and business.

"Of course, we take in people who used to be Yakuza," says Susumu Fukuda, president of the Anti-Communist Shock Force, talking in an office in the shadow of Tokyo's World Trade Center, "but they're not acting as Yakuza when they're with us, even if some of them still have tattoos" — a sign of Yakuza membership.

At a small dojo or gymnasium on the outskirts of the city, Fukuda's followers train recruits with the

slogan, "Kill one person and let many people live." It is, he says matter-of-factly, "unavoidable to kill somebody in any struggle."

Fukuda's Shock Force, with 40 or 50 loudspeaker trucks and some 5,000 adherents, is twice the size of Akao's Patriotic Party and possibly the strongest of the rightist groups now urging Japanese to approve a new militarist policy in defiance of the postwar constitution's commitment to peace.

"Anti-Communism means to fight not only Russians but Socialists and radicals too," says Fukuda, singling out those who have opposed a return to militarism since the American occupation. Except for the assassination of a Socialist leader by a 17-year-old disciple of Akao named Otoyama Yamaguchi in 1960, however, rightists have eschewed the kind of violence that characterized the radical Red Army in its heyday several years ago.

Rightists insist, though, that they have a "hit list," and rank former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, now on trial for his role in the Lockheed Aircraft bribery scandal, at the top. "People like Tanaka donate much money from their profits to win the support of other politicians," says a leader of Fukuda's Shock Force.

Ironically, the rightists do not hesitate to admit that Yoshio Kodama, a "black curtain" influence

pedlar implicated with Tanaka in the Lockheed case, is one of their prime benefactors. "Kodama advises us," says Fukuda. "He's like a teacher to us. I have known him for many years." Although Kodama has pleaded incapacitating illness and remained within the confines of his lavish, high-walled home throughout the Lockheed trial, he still rates as one of the top patrons of an umbrella organization known as Zen-Ai Kaigi or All-Japan Patriotic Federation.

Police and other sources say Kodama himself formed Zen-Ai Kaigi to exercise control over both rightists and gangsters. "I am not a Yakuza myself," Kodama once said, "but I have been called the boss of Tokyo's Yakuza world."

Yet another figure identified with Zen-Ai Kaigi is Ryoichi Sasakawa, an octogenarian rightist who admits having earned billions of dollars from bets on speedboat racing and now spread his wealth among altruistic causes, many of them with patriotic or right-wing overtones. Sasakawa and Kodama were both arrested as war criminals after World War II but were released without trial several years later.

Akao dismisses them as opportunists and yearns for the day when "a leader like Hitler" rules Japan. "Without a strong man," he says, "Japan cannot be united." (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 17th, the 48th day of 1982. There are 317 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

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1852 — Repressive measures are adopted in France, including press censorship.

1916 — British and French forces complete capture of Germany's African colony of Cameroon during World War I.

1934 — Belgium's King Albert I is killed while mountain climbing.

1936 — Anglo-Irish trade pact ends tariff war.

1944 — U.S. forces attack Japanese at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific.

1958 — France and Tunisia accept mediation of the United States and Britain to settle Tunisian dispute.

1965 — U.S. spacecraft *Ranger Eight* is launched from Cape Kennedy, Florida, and makes crash-landing on moon three days later after sending back more than 7,000 pictures.

1978 — Restaurant in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is bombed and at least 14 persons are killed.

1979 — Chinese troops invade Vietnam, bolstered by tanks, fighter planes and artillery.

Thought for today:

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Odd looking telescope uses new technologies; time, space penetrated

By James Cornell and Dan Brocius

AMADO, Ariz. (SNS) — Sporting six eyes, a computer brain, an electric road and a spinning building with its own snowplows, the Multiple Mirror Telescope may be the world's strangest-looking astronomical instrument.

Yet many scientists now think that the unconventional MMT, as it is called, may well be the look of the future.

To reach this odd-looking telescope perched more than 8,500 feet above the Sonoran Desert on the summit of Mt. Hopkins 35 miles south of Tucson, astronomers must negotiate 18 miles of narrow, winding, dirt road that grows more precipitous as it nears the top. The last 400 feet are so steep that the road is constructed like a giant electric blanket, with heating coils embedded in the concrete to melt away ice and snow.

On the breezy mountaintop, the world's third largest telescope is housed inside a boxy, barn-like structure that turns with the telescope during normal observations. To clear a path through winter snows, the five-story, 500-ton building has little snowplows attached to its four corners.

The most extraordinary thing about this instrument, however, is not its rotating building, but the optical system inside, for the MMT is a response to and possibly the resolution of a problem that has plagued astronomers for years.

To extend the boundaries of the known universe, ever larger telescopes are needed to reveal ever fainter and more distant celestial objects. But simply scaling up the size of existing instruments is not practical because mirrors and their support systems eventually reach a point where they collapse under their own weight.

So, instead of one large mirror, the MMT uses an array of six individual 72-inch-diameter reflecting telescopes linked by a computer-controlled optical arrangement to produce the equivalent light-gathering power of a single 176-inch mirror. As an added bonus, the MMT was built at about a third the cost of a conventional 176-inch telescope.

Astronomers using the MMT nightly observe the light from distant stars, galaxies and quasars and part of the search for clues to understanding the universe. The facility is the first of its kind, the working prototype for a new generation of even larger telescopes based on concepts first tested here.

Because of its radical departure in design, which combines the light received from six independent telescopes into a single stable image, some people initially questioned whether the MMT, once built, would work at all.

"There is no question now," says Jacques Beckers, director of the Multiple Mirror Telescope Observatory, a joint facility of the University of Arizona and the Smithsonian Institution. "The MMT outperforms most other large telescopes and its outstanding image quality and state-of-the-art instrumentation results in unparalleled observations of the universe."

"We definitely have a winner," he claims proudly.

The most recent improvement to the MMT's winning ways has been the development of an electronic telescope alignment system in which a video camera watches for blurring of the images and a computer adjusts the telescope's movable optics to achieve maximum sharpness.

Even before these latest improvements —

and even before its official dedication in 1979—the MMT was already making important contributions to astronomy, especially to research of quasars.

Quasars — star-like powerhouses — are about the size of our solar system, yet they emit energy comparable to a thousand galaxies. Among the most distant objects in the universe that have been studied to date, quasars have puzzled astronomers since their discovery in the early 1960s.

In March 1979, astronomers Ray Weymann, Dennis Walsh and Robert Carswell working at the nearby Kitt Peak National Observatory 84-inch telescope discovered what appeared to be a pair of quasars. Not only were these "twins" extraordinarily close together, but spectra (analyses of the components of the light) showed the pair to be almost identical.

Some scientists proposed that the twins might be a single quasar whose image had been split by the gravity of an object of enormous mass. Several scientists have predicted this effect, but believed that there would be "no great chance of observing the phenomenon."

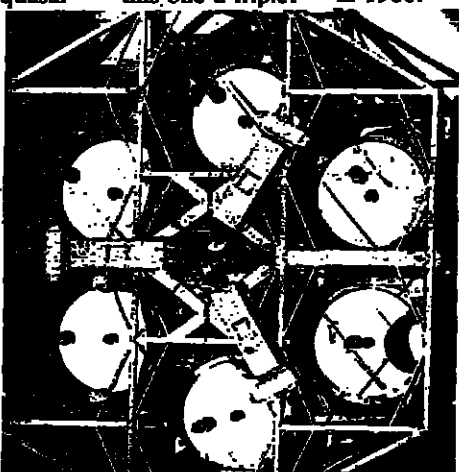
Astronomers around the world turned their attention and their telescopes to the "twins" to solve this puzzle.

In April 1979, one month before the MMT was officially dedicated, the discoverers of the twin quasar joined forces with Nathaniel P. Carleton, Frederic H. Chaffee and Marc Davis of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. They pointed the MMT at the "twins" and made excellent spectrographic observations. In its very first astronomical use, the high-quality spectrographic observations produced by the MMT confirmed that the two images of the "twin" were coming from the same object.

"The 'twins' were so faint and so close together," astronomer Chaffee says, "we needed both the light-grip and excellent image quality provided by the MMT to make this measurement."

Further research has revealed that an unseen galaxy between the earth and the quasar is acting, as Einstein had predicted, as a "gravitational lens," to bend the light so that astronomers see two images: one of the original quasar and the other resulting from "gravity-refracted" light.

The MMT also played a major role in the discovery of the only other known "multiple quasar" — this one a triplet — in 1980.



MIRROR TELESCOPE: A close-up of the Multiple Mirror Telescope showing its six mirrors each measuring 72 inches in diameter. The mirrors are linked by a computer to produce the equivalent light-gathering power of a 176-inch mirror.

Use of explosives increasing

Bomb maestro saves lives in Lebanon

By Colin Smith

BEIRUT — His home, an apartment on the eastern side of the city, is modest by Beirut standards yet his courage and skill have saved many lives and at least one local newspaper has started referring to him as "his excellency." A large hookah, from which Arabs usually smoke plain tobacco dominates the sitting room which is cluttered with heavy furniture. When he shakes hands his grip is a bone crusher despite the missing little finger joint in his right hand. He is a big man. Big shoulders, big hands, big belly, big laugh. This is Youssef Bitar, Lebanon's bomb disposal expert.

Questions from a reporter from the Voice of Lebanon, the radio station of the right-wing Phalangist Party, whose questions included a request for advice on the correct handling of butane gas cylinders. As if car bombs were not enough, some cylinders had recently caused a bad accidental fire.

During the civil war, bombs were comparatively rare in Lebanon. Why bother when you could shell your neighbors with a field gun or a mortar?

But since the Syrian intervention in 1976 ended that phase of the war, bombs, particularly car bombs of the type used by the Provisional IRA in Northern Ireland, have become much more common. Nor is it by any means confined to leftist-rightist bombings across the area that separates east and west Beirut.

There are more than 40 different militias in Lebanon, and in east Beirut, where the leftists often lack the cohesion of the right-wing Christians, allies frequently fall out. In some places the militias are little more than street gangs. Fatal shootings, with rocket launchers and mortars being brought into play, have been known to start over something as trivial as a car parking place.

Recently the bombs have got bigger and have been used with devastating effect. From September to December last year 297 people were killed and 400 injured in a series of bomb explosions. Among the casualties was the Iraqi ambassador, who perished with 60 others under the rubble of his embassy. The worst explosion was a car bomb in the crowded Palestinian quarter of west Beirut last September. According to Bitar's figures it killed 149 people and wounded more.

Bitar retired from the army as a non-

commissioned officer last year but the government recalled him in what was supposed to be a civilian advisory capacity. He now supervises a Lebanese army bomb disposal squad of 14 men. He started his career defusing mines around Tobruk when he was fighting with a unit of De Gaulle's Free French during the North African campaigns of World War II. He later served with the Foreign Legion in Indo-China and returned to Lebanon with a considerable knowledge of what makes things go bang.

Although he lives in the eastern half of the city, he does not differentiate between the zones. In the last year he has had to deal with all kinds of bombs, including some equipped with mercury fuses that can explode on touch.

Some of his most difficult jobs, because they leave so little room to work in, have involved bombs attached beneath cars by magnets, usually around the exhaust pipes to

ensure that the gasoline tanks will explode. Quite often his task is further complicated by anti-handling devices: for instance, an electrical switch set in the neutral position between "on" and "off" which will trigger the bomb when turned in either direction.

Luckily, most of the packages he is asked to deal with are fairly primitive time bombs fused by wrist and radio batteries. He produced, minus its explosive, one such bomb he had defused on the eighth story of a shopping complex the day before. His big fingers played with the wires, showing where he had cut them to disconnect the detonator.

As he spoke one of his teenage daughters sitting nearby sighed and got on with her homework.

The most grievous injury he has incurred was a gunshot wound in the neck when, early on in the civil war, somebody tried to rob him of an army pay box he was carrying.

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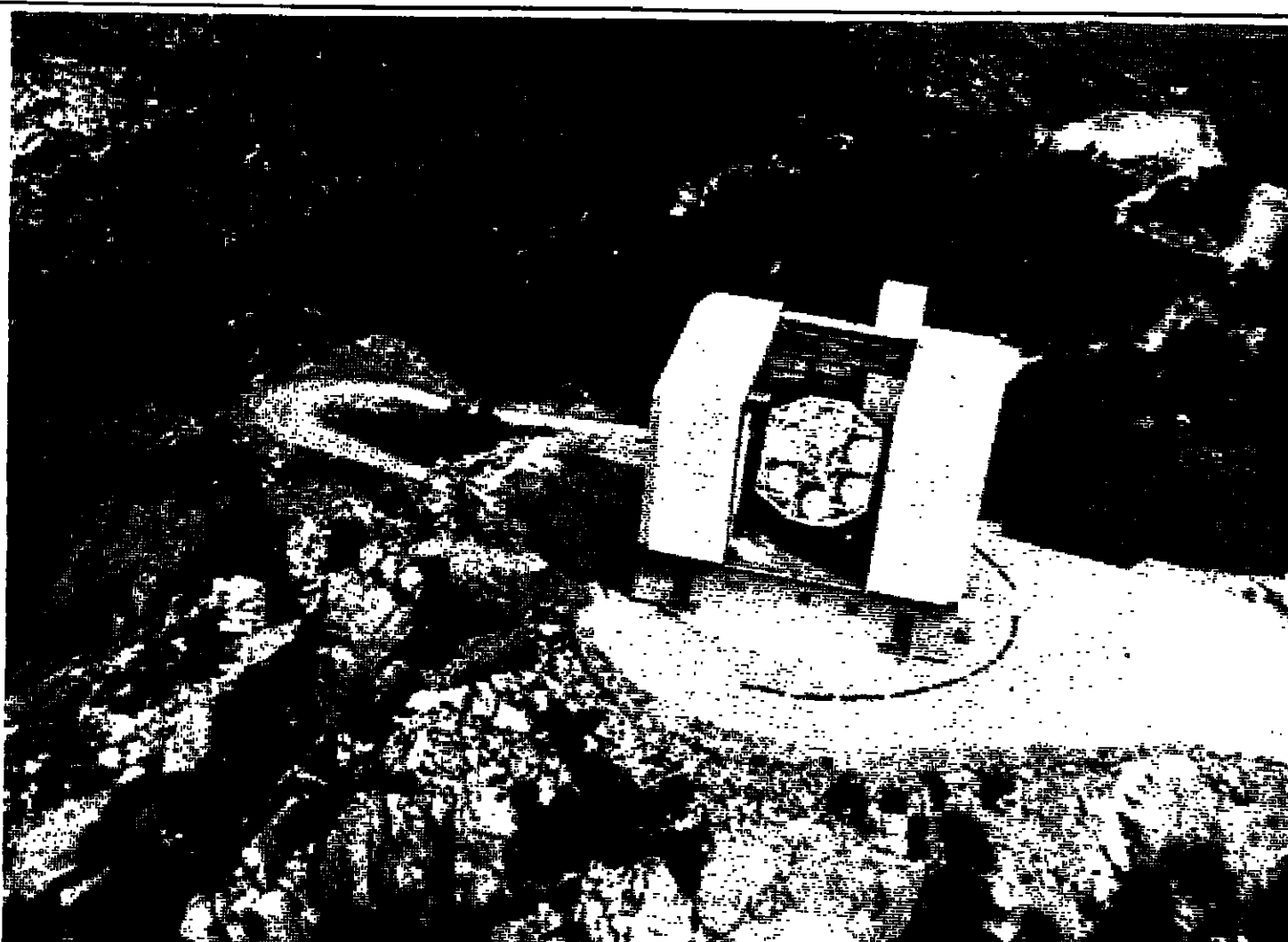
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MT. HOPKINS: An aerial view of the Multiple Mirror Telescope located more than 8,500 feet above the Sonoran Desert south of Tucson, Arizona. The instrument is the world's third largest telescope and is being used for detailed observation of numerous heavenly objects.

Natural resource waste prevented

S. Asia launches environment plan

By Donatus de Silva

COLOMBO (DN) — The 10-nation South Asia Cooperative Environment Program was launched here following its ratification by three of the member countries — Sri Lanka, India and the Maldivian Republic. It is the first-ever joint program set up in the region.

The other member countries — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan and Iran — are now in various stages of the ratification process. The program constitution, adopted at a ministerial meeting in Colombo last year, provides for its establishment once three member nations ratified it.

Commenting on the program, C. Suriyakumaran, director of the United Nations Environment Program regional office for Asia and the Pacific, said: "This is the first cooperative structure that has won the approval of the parliaments of these countries." He pointed out that according to the Colombo Declaration, the program could also provide a "valuable basis in the fields of social and economic cooperation."

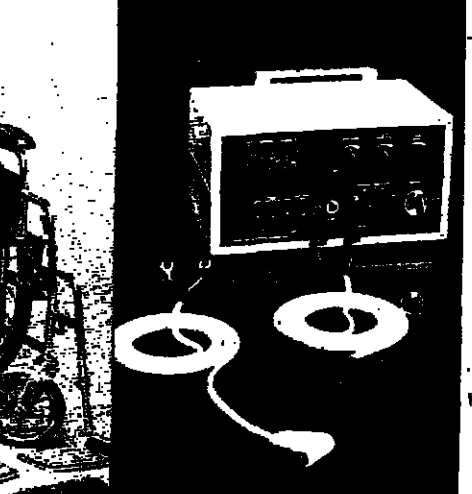
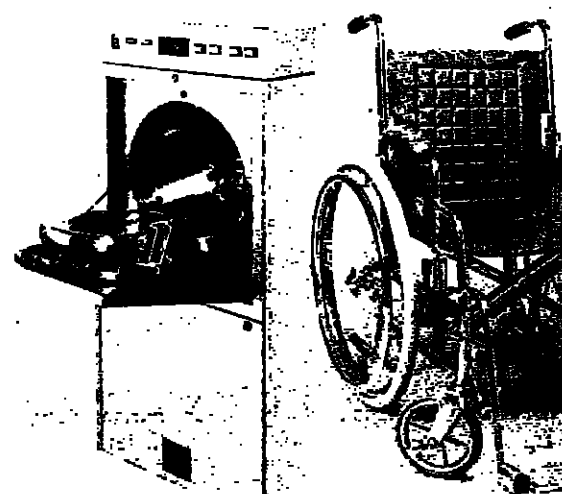
"The program aims to bring about better management of the environment in the region, particularly by eliminating the wasteful use of natural resources upon which many development activities depend. Some of the program's main functions are: promoting joint efforts to deal with major environmental issues facing the region, facilitating an exchange of information and expertise among member countries and encouraging support from interested donor countries and other sources."

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HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS: All types of medical products will be exhibited during the Feb. 20-25. Shown here is a sampling, left to right, adjustable hospital bed, sterilization unit, wheel chair and electronic monitor.

Police vow 'violence for violence'

Aboriginal rights activists pledge to disrupt Commonwealth Games

By Barry Moody

BRISBANE (AP) — Aboriginal activists and the conservative government in Queensland state have drawn up battle lines for a bitter and possibly violent clash during the Commonwealth Games here next October.

Aboriginal activists have recently stepped up long-standing warnings to the authorities that they will use the games to draw international attention to their grievances.

The games will be attended by athletes, spectators and journalists from countries which group a quarter of the world's population. Queensland aboriginal leader Bob Weatherall says they are "an ideal opportunity to focus attention on our rightful cause."

Charles Perkins, chairman of the Aboriginal Development Commission, has provoked an angry reaction from the Queensland government by repeatedly saying that at least 5,000 Aborigines plus thousands of white supporters would stop the games unless they were granted more rights in the state.

Queensland state Premier John Bjelke-Petersen has warned demonstrators that they will be given a tough reception.

"We won't pander to militants. They can expect to be hit hard if they try that sort of

thing during the Commonwealth Games," he said.

But Aboriginal plans for major demonstrations are already being drawn up. "What you've seen before in New Zealand during the Springbok tour is nothing," Perkins said in a magazine interview.

This was a reference to frequently violent demonstrations in New Zealand last year against a South African rugby tour. Aboriginal activists here intend to bring over Maoris who took part in those demonstrations to train local protesters.

Perkins, formerly Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's special adviser on Aboriginal problems, said the Brisbane games "will be Australia's battle of wounded knee...we're on the verge of the most violent reaction between blacks and whites this century." After Perkins most recent public statements, Bjelke-Petersen demanded that he be fired, he added: "Perkins knows what will happen if they try any nonsense up here. They can twist the federal people around their finger with great ease but they cannot do it in Queensland."

Queensland Police Minister Tuss Hinze said he would arrest Perkins if he repeated his statements inside the state. Perkins, whose

development commission buys land for Aborigines, eventually agreed to end his public statements after being sharply rebuked by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Baume, who dissociated the government from Perkins' remarks.

Aboriginal leaders say all Australia's original inhabitants are united behind their plans. The Queensland government, which is seeking special police powers during the games is equally determined to prevent demonstrations.

There was a taste of what might be expected in Brisbane at a recent athletics meeting in Melbourne when Aboriginal protesters ran onto the track and collided with two American athletes, knocking them to the ground and injuring them. Prominent Aboriginal activist Gary Foley said the incident was nothing compared with what would happen in Brisbane.

Like other Aboriginal leaders, Foley said no violence was planned. But he added that if the Queensland police used violence, "we will respond in kind. We just won't take it anymore. We will give them as good as they give us."

Another Aboriginal leader declared: "If you kick a dog long enough he is going to turn around and bite you. We will create a war-siege situation and there will be no games." If Aboriginal protesters do want to disrupt the games, they will have to get past two separate security systems, one administered by the Queensland police and the other by the games organizers.

The general manager of the Games Foundation told reporters: "These are traditionally friendly games and security people are determined to make sure they remain that way. Believe me, a minority of protesters will be well identified and kept under control."

Aboriginal leaders plan to send two representatives to Africa to urge black nations to boycott the games because of conditions under which Aborigines live in Queensland. Because of the Springbok tour, black nations are already considering whether to boycott the games if New Zealand takes part.

Queensland has more Aborigines than any other state — more than 46,000 people out of a total Aboriginal population in Australia estimated at around 160,000.

About 70 percent of them live on reserves covering 30,000 square km (11,600 square miles), or 1.8 percent of Queensland. But activists say they have no security of tenure on the reserves and they would have no legal protection if the state government decided to take land away from them.

The Aborigines want freehold title to the land. This is their minimum requirement to call off protests in Brisbane, the activists add.

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Despite opposition

America may boost aid to El Salvador

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — The U.S. administration appears to be preparing to heighten the level of its aid to El Salvador, despite sharpened calls both within and outside of the country for moderation.

The administration's leading officials met on the subject Monday, to review their options as President Ronald Reagan prepares a major policy speech. That address, according to some reports, may focus on the entire Caribbean region — and Cuba's role in it.

The meeting included Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, national security counselor William Clark, joint chiefs of staff Chairman David Jones and Assistant Secretary of State for Inter American Affairs Thomas Enders.

The flurry of government activity prompted

ted a wave of condemnations, warnings and protests. Denmark and Norway, noting the state of Civil War in El Salvador, rejected a U.S. request to send observers for elections there on March 28.

The Soviet News agency Tass accused Washington of "shamelessly lying to U.S. citizens" by giving assurances that U.S. advisers in El Salvador would neither enter combat or carry arms. In an apparent reference to a television report showing U.S. advisers carrying combat rifles.

In El Salvador itself, physicians decried what they said were killings and kidnappings of numerous doctors, following the reported murder of a hospital director and a nurse in Chalatenango, in the north of the country.

Negative reactions flowed in from domestic organizations as well, especially from church groups. The American Episcopal Conference blasted plans to increase military aid to El Salvador.

Archbishop John Roach, the head of that body, said: "If the United States is to play any constructive role in ending the fratricidal conflict, it should be by strengthening the political will of those willing to dialogue, not massively increasing the invulnerability of the armed forces."

Methodist church officials added: "Soviet expansion is not the basic problem. The real issue in Central America is the demand for political, social and economic justice by the people."

A group of U.S. actors even began taking up a collection for medical aid to the leading dissident group in El Salvador, the Democratic Revolutionary Front. A spokesman said \$25,000 had been donated to the fund.

In El Salvador, meanwhile, officials expressed anger over last week's calls for increased observance of civil rights. Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia, the Salvadoran minister of defense, said the statements were "insolent," and that the delegation had come to El Salvador to "give orders on what must be done."

The delegation, led by Sen. Claiborne Pell, Democrat of Rhode Island, had what another delegation member, Patrick Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, said were heated discussions with Gen. Garcia.

Sen. Pell said he had expressed support for negotiations with the guerrillas, and had also warned that the U.S. Congress "will not authorize more assistance to El Salvador" as long as the government continues violating human rights.

The Salvadoran newspaper *Prensa Grafica* said the U.S. delegation did not come as representatives of the U.S. government, but "as defenders of the undefendable, committed to deceiving American public opinion."

Pare subsidy to U.N., says NY mayor

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP) — New York Mayor Edward I. Koch has suggested that the United States reduce its subsidy payment to the United Nations. "Why should we be the patsies?" he asked.

Koch said Monday when he was in Congress he had pressed to get the United States to reduce its subsidy from 33 percent of the United Nations' total bill to 25 percent.

"Why should we be footing the bill to the extent of 25 percent?" He asked Monday. "It's outrageous. I think it should be reduced," he said.

Koch made the suggestion while discussing criticism of him by *Pravda*, the Soviet newspaper, which referred to him as an "arrogant mayor" for criticizing the United Nations as being made up of countries that were cowardly, immoral and hypocritical.

The mayor was criticized after saying last week that he was thinking of adding a quotation to that effect to the "swords into plowshares" quote on the Isaiah Wall opposite the United Nations.

He criticized the United Nations for not taking action on Afghanistan, Poland and the war between Iran and Iraq. "What did the U.N. do? Nothing," he said.

The mayor noted that *Pravda* suggested that Washington should have checked Koch in his remarks.

Egypt demands return

Britain bent on keeping Sphinx beard

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Britain went on the defensive Monday over a piece of beard missing from Egypt's Great Sphinx of Giza, and the long-disputed Elgin marbles from Greece.

The knee-high chunk of limestone from the Sphinx and the collection of marble sculptures from the Parthenon are in the British Museum. Egypt and Greece want them back.

Egyptian Minister of Culture Abdul Hamid Radwan arrived in London to open an "Excavating in Egypt" exhibition at the British Museum on Wednesday, and curators anticipated he will pursue demands by scholars for the return of the missing link in the Sun God's plaited beard.

But the museum pointed out that it is bound by act of parliament to retain its collection of ancient treasures. Besides, said a museum press officer, "it is not a very striking object. If you didn't know anything about sphinxes or Egyptian carving you might think it was a piece of hardcore (rock)."

The museum has not even bothered to display it for 50 years. The spokesman added: "Whether the minister will arrive on

Wednesday night clutching his invitation in one hand and a formal request for the return of the beard in the other remains to be seen."

The disputed stone has been in the museum since 1817 when an Italian sea captain, Giovanni Cavaglia, who discovered the fragments, sent it here "as a testimony of his attachment to the British nation." It is stored in a basement.

Experts attempting to restore the Sphinx, which has guarded the pyramids at Giza on the outskirts of Cairo for nearly 5,000 years, claim the beard segment is vital to their efforts.

A spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy here said: "One of the best ways to maintain the head of the Sphinx is to restore the original beard. The Sphinx had a long beard which hung down to the floor. If it was restored it would act as a support for the whole head."

The 239-foot (72m) Sphinx, built by order of King Khephron, has the body of a lion and head of a man. It is crumbling under the effects of pollution, salt, sun, sand and wind. Last November its left leg fell off. Museum trustees sometimes agree to

return objects on indefinite loan, provided the museum retains legal ownership, and British Museum Director David Wilson was quoted by *The Sunday Times* as saying: "We would consider very carefully the possibility of an extended loan."

The museum houses many treasures collected in the heyday of the British empire — which once included Egypt — and nations regularly ask to have their artifacts back.

Greece has long sought the return of the Elgin marbles, a collection brought to England between 1801 and 1812 by the Earl of Elgin. Originally part of the Parthenon, they are perhaps the most famous exhibit at the British Museum.

In the House of Lords on Monday, Lord Jenkins of the opposition Labor Party, a former arts minister, asked Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to heed an appeal from Greek Culture Minister Melina Mercouri, the actress and singer, for the return of the sculptures. But as in the past, the government rejected the idea.

Lord Avon, environment spokesman, said the collection was owned by the British Museum.

Party calls for poll again

Malta's Parliament meets

VALLETTA, Malta, Feb. 16 (AP) — Malta's Parliament met Monday for the first time since December's general elections, but the Nationalist Party boycotted it and called again for new elections.

In the keenly fought December race, the Labor Party of Dom Mintoff retained its three-seat parliamentary majority and formed a new government. But the Nationalists polled 51 percent of the popular vote and did not concede defeat.

The Nationalist Party leader, Edward Fenech Adami, Monday repeated his call for new elections at a press conference called at party headquarters while parliament met. The proposal for fresh elections, he said, was part of a formula aimed at solving what the party described as the constitutional crisis brought about by the election results.

The formula includes the amendment of electoral legislation to avoid a repetition of what happened at the last election — that a party winning an absolute majority of votes fails to gain the majority of parliamentary seats. Adami said Labor won the parliamentary majority because of the way in which the electoral boundaries were redrawn before the elections.

In his address to parliament, the acting president of the republic, Albert V. Hyzler, mapped out the Socialist administration's plan for the coming years and warned that

"government will take a firm hand against those who will try to undermine the country's march toward a better future."

Hyzler said there was "no place for the indolent, for those who were not loyal or for those who were not ready to respect the Republican constitution and the Democratic institutions of the country."

In the international sphere, said the acting president, the government had striven for the strengthening of peace in the Mediterranean. "In this respect, Malta's greatest contribution was its decision to adopt a neutral status," he said.

Hyzler said it was not in Malta's interest to become a full member of the European Economic Community as long as the community did not adopt a neutral political stance between the two superpowers.

However, the government intended to strengthen its existing relations and to continue to draw closer to the community, he said.

It was also prepared to conclude negotiations with the community on a new association agreement enhanced by means of a second financial protocol.

On the dispute with Libya over offshore oil exploration in the south of the island, the acting president said the government "will continue to undertake intensive efforts to solve in an equitable way and in the best national interest the dispute on the dividing line of the continental shelf between the two countries."

Quins' mother found shot dead in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, Feb. 16 (AP) — The mother of New Zealand's most famous quintuplets has been found shot dead, with her estranged second husband lying dead nearby with a shotgun beside his body, police said here Tuesday.

Mrs. Shirley Ann Eyton, 38, gave birth to the quins — Samuel, Lisa, Deborah, Shirlene and Selina — 16 years ago when married to her first husband Sam Lawson, whom she later divorced.

Police said she was found Monday night outside her house north of Auckland, with her estranged husband Gary Hugh Eyton, 38, nearby. One of the quins, Samuel, was in the house at the time, when neighbors heard screaming and shots.

The quintuplets were born in Auckland on July 27 1965, and made world headlines as one of the first successful multiple births using "wonder" fertility drugs. Their mother, who already had a five-year-old daughter, gave birth to the quins after receiving special hormone treatment at a hospital here.

The quintuplets have made headlines here several times in recent years. Two years ago, police were called to a family incident after Eyton allegedly threatened to kill his wife at a motor car. A month later she was abducted from her home, and he was later convicted on charges of burglary, firearm possession, motor car theft and common assault. After both incidents, Mrs. Eyton's name was suppressed by the courts.

Parties unite to oppose army regime in Brazil

BRASILIA, Brazil, Feb. 16 (AP) — Brazil's two main opposition political parties have united for their electoral battle against the military regime that has run Latin America's biggest country for the past 18 years.

The Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB) and the People's Party (PP) voted over the weekend to merge under the PMDB sign for nationwide elections scheduled for Nov. 15. They will confront the government's Democratic Social Party (PDS).

The elections will be the most extensive in Brazil since the 1964 military coup that overthrew leftist civilian President Joao Goulart. Voters will choose mayors and city councilmen, state legislators, federal congressmen and senators, and state governors — all offices except president and vice president.

The winners in these elections will form the electoral college that will pick the successor to President Joao Figueiredo in 1985. Brazil has had five generals as presidents since the takeover.

"The country wants change, and our party will win," said representative Ulysses Guimarães, president on the PMDB, as members of the two parties cheered following the merger vote in the House of Representatives here.

Before unification, the PMDB had generally been considered left of center and the smaller PP was seen as right of center. The new combined party has 218 of the 236 opposition seats in Brazil's two-house federal Congress. The rest are shared by three small labor-linked parties. The PDS, with a majority in both the House and Senate, has 251 seats.

The party merger was an opposition reaction to a recent government-imposed change in the election law that rules out ticket splitting — voting for candidates from different parties. All votes for offices from city councilman to state governor and federal congressman must be for candidates from the same party or the entire ballot will be thrown out.

"We have now reestablished our vote-getting capability. We can take 14 to 16 of the 23 state governorships," said Sen. Tancredino Neves, formerly president of the PP and now vice president of the new PMDB. "Only an act of force by the government can undo this merger," he added.

The main opponents of the merger are dissidents of the PP who throughout their party should have campaigned alone. There are some reports that they are considering challenging the legality of the merger before Brazil's supreme electoral court.

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Police raid ZAPU party offices in Salisbury

SALISBURY, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Police raided the headquarters of veteran nationalist Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU party Tuesday in a widening search of ZAPU property throughout the country, a police spokesman said. He did not elaborate on the point of the search but the national news agency ZIANA said police were examining documents in the central Salisbury headquarters.

It said police and army personnel were also present at other ZAPU properties around the capital following a presidential proclamation earlier Tuesday which declared as illegal 11 companies associated with the party. ZIANA reported that soldiers were guarding the entrance to a farm and a motel outside the city, both of which were named in the proclamation.

The proclamation by President Canaan Banana said the businesses, which include farming, investment and hotel companies, would be shut down as soon as possible as they were "likely to endanger, disturb or interfere with public safety or order." The announcement followed a threat last weekend by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of strong action against ZAPU, his government's junior coalition partner, over arms caches on its farms in the southwest of the country.

Since the hauls were revealed 11 days ago, both Nkomo and ZAPU's central committee have denied prior knowledge of the arms, which range from automatic rifles to surface-to-air missiles. ZAPU has accused the government of attempting to "build up a case" against the party. Soon after the presidential proclamation, Mugabe began his regular weekly cabinet meeting, which informed sources said was attended by Nkomo.

Mugabe has described ZAPU, which has 20 seats in the 100-seat parliament compared with 57 held by the prime minister's ZANU-PF party, as "a cobra in the house," adding that the only effective way of dealing with a snake was to destroy its head.

The companies named in Tuesday's proclamation included Nitrax Ltd., which owns Ascot Farm near the southern city of Bulawayo where most of the arms were found. In all, enough weapons to equip about 5,000 men have been dug out of the ground in Matabeleland province. ZAPU's political power base, resulting in bitter attacks on the party leadership by ZANU-PF and the pro-government media.

Zimbabwe's leading newspaper, *The Herald*, Monday demanded that Nkomo, who formed an uneasy alliance with Mugabe in a seven-year war against white minority rule in the former Rhodesia, be charged with treason and that his three ZAPU colleagues in the cabinet be dismissed.

There has been no personal or judicial action against Nkomo or his four PF colleagues in the 24-member cabinet, although the state broadcasting service said Monday that the PF's role in government may now be finished. Nkomo's party, formerly called the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), has a long history of rivalry with ZANU.

Four Polish seamen seek asylum in West

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Four Polish sailors who jumped their ship in southern Japan to seek political asylum flew to Tokyo Tuesday to ask for political asylum in the West, the Foreign Ministry said.

Ministry officials declined to identify the four, but said they were among 44 crewmen of the 7,817-ton freighter *Lelewe* which arrived Saturday in Hakata on Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu to pick up a cargo of 4,000 tons rice donated to Poland by the Japanese government.

In prior incidents, 16 Polish sailors jumped from the Polish freighter *Phenian*, which made a port call in Nagoya, central Japan, shortly after Poland was placed under military rule last Dec. 13. Eleven of the 16 Poles went to Australia and the remaining five to Canada in January. Japan normally does not accept persons seeking political asylum, but often helps political exiles to seek asylum in third countries.



RESCUING DRIVER : A Birmingham fireman assists a truck driver whose cab hangs over a guard rail on an interstate overpass in Alabama. The driver, Jack Browning of Buchanan, was in the truck for about 45 minutes and 45 ft off the ground before rescuers reached him Monday.

From Cambodian soil

India favors Viet withdrawal

BANGKOK, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao Tuesday made it clear that his country favored the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodian soil. Since the Khmer Rouge regime was ousted from Phnom Penh following Vietnamese intervention in January 1979, Hanoi has maintained a 200,000-strong army in Cambodia.

"India stands for the withdrawal of foreign troops anywhere in the world," Rao said, mentioning Afghanistan as an example. The Indian diplomat, who had talks this week with Thai Foreign Minister Sithi, Sawetasil, in Bangkok, had a brief halt here Tuesday on his return from Vietnam, where he met with top Vietnamese officials.

He told a press conference that regional talks between the three Communist Indochina countries and the five non-Communist countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) comprising Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines were not to be ruled out.

ASEAN has in the past rejected Indochinese calls for regional discussions on Cambodia, Thailand's eastern neighbor, on the grounds that Hanoi has nothing new to offer. "Both sides are looking for a negotiated settlement of the Cambodian question, and regional talks cannot be ruled out," he said. "Thailand is anxious for efforts at a political solution to be continued at all levels."

India is one of the few countries outside the Communist bloc to recognize the present Vietnamese-backed Cambodian regime. When asked about his country's relations with China, which supports the Khmer Rouge, Rao said that relations between China and India were being normalized, but that issues in Southeast Asia had complicated matters.

Asked about India's aid program to Vietnam — which over the past five years has amounted to about \$100 million — in spite of India's stand on the withdrawal of foreign troops, Rao said: "We don't believe in stopping the tap to make people conform to our ideas."

Meanwhile, Vietnam Tuesday renewed its offer to resume normalization talks with China and rejected as a "slandering lie" a recent Chinese note charging that Vietnamese troops had been involved in "armed bor-

der provocations."

Vietnamese officials said the Chinese Foreign Ministry note, dated Feb. 11, had spoken of "416 armed Vietnamese provocations" between Dec. 21, 1981 and Jan. 1982, including 44 during the lunar new year, and had dismissed the 10-day truce unilaterally observed by Hanoi as a "propaganda ploy."

In a rejoinder handed to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi Tuesday, the Vietnamese side indicated that even the United Nations secretary-general had acknowledged that calm had prevailed along the Sino-Vietnamese border during the lunar new year holidays.

The Vietnamese note again called for "a negotiated settlement of all outstanding issues affecting relations between the two countries," stressing that Hanoi was doing its utmost to reach this goal. It expressed the hope that "the Chinese side will give a positive reply" to this proposal.

KUOPIO, Finland, (AFP) — A Soviet rocket crashed Tuesday into the Karelia region of the western Soviet Union, minutes after it was launched from a military base in the Kola peninsula, witnesses said near this southeastern Finnish town. The rocket's trajectory was clearly observed across the border in Finland. It spun to earth after its first stage separated normally, according to the Finnish witnesses who said the rocket had apparently been launched around 0630 GMT.

PEKING, (AFP) — The Chinese government has classified 24 cities as specially protected areas, the *People's Daily* reported Tuesday. Among them were the modern capital Peking, the ancient imperial capitals of central China, Xian and Kaifeng, and the former summer residence of the emperors, Chengde. Also included were tourist centers such as Hangzhou, Suzhou and Guilin, and the birthplace of the Chinese revolution, Yenan, the newspaper said.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Foreign ministers of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam opened a three-day meeting in Vientiane Tuesday, the official Laotian news agency KPL reported in a dispatch monitored here. Since a pro-

Nicaragua denies oppressing tribes

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 16 (AP) — Some 8,500 English-speaking Miskito Indians have been taken from their ancient homelands on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast and resettled deep inland to "protect them from anti-revolutionary armed gangs," the revolutionary junta says.

But earlier this week, the Misurata Organization, representing the Miskitos and two other Indian tribes inhabiting the coastal province of Zelaya, said the leftist junta had placed at least 10,000 Indians in two concentration camps after burning 31 coastal communities last month.

The junta last month placed Zelaya, Nicaragua's largest province, off-limits to travelers, requiring special government permits to go there. Permits have not been easy to get. A State Department spokesman in Washington accused the Sandinista junta of oppressing the tribes, but the government denied the accusation. The Nicaraguan Defense Ministry announced Feb. 3 a crackdown on what it called a "counterrevolutionary" separatist movement in Zelaya.

A junta communiqué issued Sunday said government teams "have successfully completed resettlement of 8,500 persons from the Miskito communities to 'safeguard them from the armed aggressions of counter-revolutionary bands.'" It did not say where the Miskitos were resettled. The commu-

Shuttle moves to launch pad

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 16 (AP) — The space shuttle *Columbia* began inching along a 3 1/2-mile (6-km) journey to its launch pad early Tuesday as officials scanned the skies for signs of rain or lightning.

Under the glare of floodlights and perched aboard a huge steel crawler, the shuttle began moving from the vehicle assembly building at 9:21 GMT for the four-to five-hour trip to launch complex 39. Officials moved up the rollout time by almost 40 minutes because of the possibility of a storm front reaching Kennedy Space Center before the shuttle was fastened securely to the launch pad where it is to make its third voyage into space on March 22 with astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton aboard.

Skies over Cape Canaveral were clear before dawn Tuesday when the rollout began, but there was fear of rain and lightning during *Columbia*'s slow journey. "We can take the rain if we have to, but we can't have lightning," said Mark Hess, a Kennedy Space Center spokesman.

It took half an hour from the start of the rollout for the 184-foot (55.2-meter)-tall "stack" of the orbiter, with its mustard-colored external tank and twin rocket boosters, to go out the door of the huge lab. The shuttle and its launch platform, weighing more than 5.3 million kilos, moved at less than 1 mph (1.6 kph) toward the launch site.

Lousma and Fullerton awaited the placement of the shuttle on its launch pad, where they will rehearse countdown procedures for 33 hours this week, beginning Thursday.

Resettlement claimed

que said the Indians have been resettled in a better location, but did not give details.

"There is reliable information that new attacks in November and December 1981 caused 60 deaths among the Miskito population in northern Zelaya," the announcement said. It said that resettlement "will permit carrying out important projects for these communities to achieve levels of development they never attained in the past."

The communiqué denied the accusation that the Miskitos were taken to concentration camps, blaming the reports on "a misleading campaign" from abroad. The communiqué called on foreign journalists, religious and labor institutes and any other organization abroad to send people to Zelaya to see for themselves.

Zelaya's Miskito and other Indian tribes have been described as conservative church-going people who have had difficulty adjusting to the leftist government in power since 1979.

Last year, Miskito leader Steadman Fagoth Mueller fled to Honduras because of what he claimed was government repression. The "North Coast," as the Miskitos call the area, was an independent kingdom, a British empire protectorate, until Britain ceded it to Nicaragua. Communications between the rest of the capital and the jungle-covered area is mostly by air or slow river boat and difficult.

In a communiqué issued in Tegucigalpa,

the capital of neighboring Honduras, Misurata urged the United Nations and the International Red Cross to inspect conditions in Zelaya. The Nicaraguan government is engaging in "genocide... what is happening in Nicaragua is unbelievable, but it is more unbelievable that the civilized nations are allowing the destruction of ethnic minorities in that country," the communiqué said.

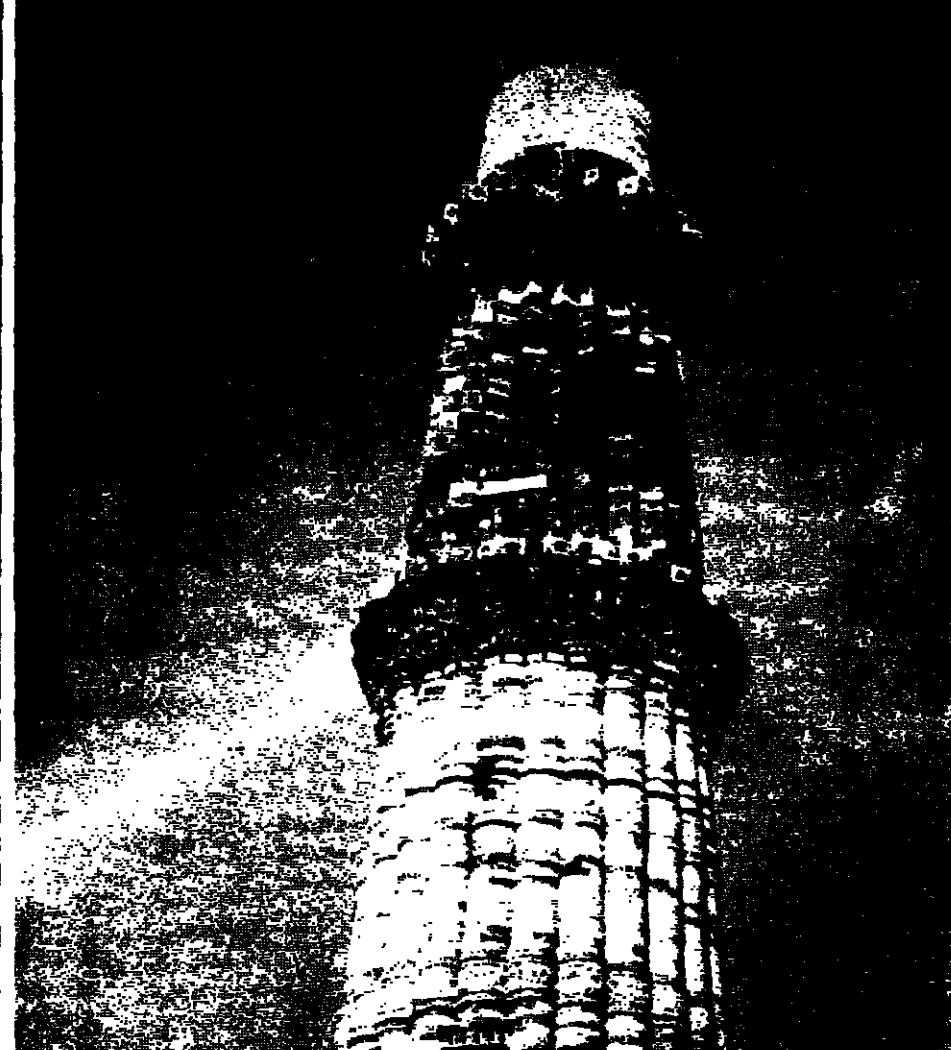
The *Washington Post* reported Sunday that President Ronald Reagan has approved a CIA plan to use covert action by friendly governments to weaken alleged Cuban involvement in Nicaragua. Reagan, asked about the report, refused to comment.

Japanese prisoner to mark 90th birthday

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (AFP) — The oldest prisoner under death sentence in Japan will celebrate his 90th birthday in prison on Thursday, still uncertain as to whether or not he will ever be executed after 34 years of imprisonment. He also holds the record for the longest time spent on death row.

Sadamichi Hirasawa, once a nationally known painter, was sentenced to death for having murdered 12 bank employees here in January 1948. Arrested in August 1948, the supreme court sentenced him to death although he continued to affirm his innocence. He has remained behind bars since then.

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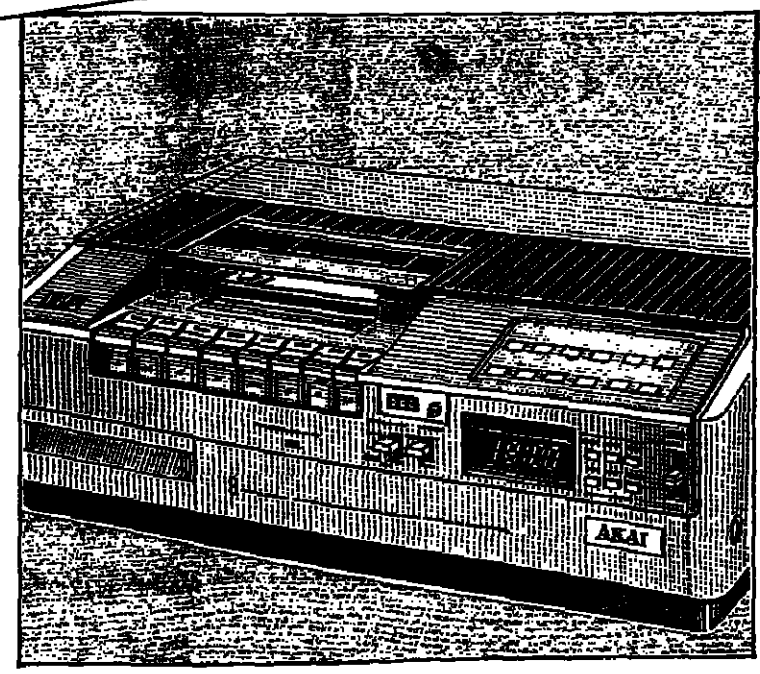
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Emissary to brief Reagan

U.S. policy blocking recovery, EEC says

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens flies to Washington Tuesday planning to tell President Ronald Reagan that U.S. monetary and fiscal policies are threatening economic recovery in Western Europe.

Martens, chairman of the European Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers, will be armed with a critique of U.S. economic policies agreed by EEC finance ministers at a meeting here Monday, EEC officials said.

Along with Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, Martens will warn President Reagan that high U.S. interest rates, a soaring dollar, and large U.S. budget deficits could stifle Western Europe's emergency from recession.

"The community should use all channels... to persuade the U.S. to adopt a monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policy in line with its international economic responsibility," a document drawn up for Monday's meeting by top EEC officials said. With jobless totals at record levels in Europe and the high cost of borrowing deterring new investment, Martens will present several suggestions to the Reagan administration.

The EEC identified three areas in which it says the U.S. is creating problems for Western Europe — "benign neglect" of the dollar on foreign exchanges, its methods of monetary control, and its expansionary budget policy.

Poland ups farm machinery price

VIENNA, Feb. 16 (AP) — Prices of agricultural machinery were raised by an average 119 percent, Warsaw radio reported. It said Monday prices of all agricultural machines produced in Poland must cover actual costs, and spare parts would in future be sold at "free list" prices.

A tractor produced by the Ursus Factory which cost 145,000 zloty would now sell for 339,000 zloty, the broadcast said. One U.S. dollar equals some 80 zloty at the official exchange rate.

Zambian economy wilts under the 'green gold rush'

LUSAKA, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Tens of millions of dollars, as much as 10 percent of the national budget according to some, escape the Zambian treasury every year through the smuggling of emeralds.

This highly lucrative traffic has become a matter of state concern in Zambia, a country which suffers much as a result of being almost wholly dependent on its copper exports to earn foreign revenue.

The last few months have seen vigorous action by the authorities against illegal emerald miners, who are usually Zambian nationals, and above all against the smugglers who come from other African states.

A total of 541 foreign nationals have been arrested in the crackdown, according to official sources, joining some 300 already behind bars for their involvement in the business.

The illegal but semi-open extraction of emeralds and their clandestine channelling onto the markets of Europe, India and South Africa began in the 1970s in the copperbelt near the border with Zaire.

Hundreds of foreigners — from Mali and Senegal in particular, and also Zaire, Cameroon, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Tanzania — flocked to Ndola province in the hope of

getting rich quick. Zambia is, with South Africa, Zimbabwe, Colombia and some other South American states, one of the few countries rich in emeralds.

An indication of the scale of the traffic is the fact that official emerald production has been zero for several years. Until a short while ago, the living was easy for the emerald smugglers.

A Senegalese told how he operates. He enters Zambia via Lusaka airport, changing money to the value of 5,000 kwachas (\$5,000 at the official rate) to keep within the rules.

He then goes to the Ndola region without hiding the fact that he is after the green stones. After "squaring" with police and customs on his return, he then goes to Switserland and France which do not lack wealthy buyers.

Local authorities, traditional chiefs and the press have become worried by this "green gold rush".

First there have been economic consequences, with increased inflation due to the fact that the miners and above all the smugglers have the means to live the high life.

Cultural and social effects have also resulted, with a population explosion in the bor-

der villages due to the influx of foreigners. The foreigners are sometimes accused of abusing locals who refuse to sell their precious stones at sufficiently low prices. The settling of scores in the Zambian emerald business does not seem as murderous as that in Colombia, however, even if the press made much of a shooting in which a Senegalese was wounded.

Another regular complaint is that these rich foreigners make "marriages of convenience" with Zambian women in order to avoid expulsion. The impunity with which the smugglers can operate may appear surprising. But the police are not always above suspicion.

According to the Zambian Sunday Times some officers confiscate emeralds they find on illegal miners and then release the offenders.

In October 1980, a former top police official sentenced to 24 years' hard labor for assuming possession of emeralds was acquitted on appeal.

Prime Minister Nalundino Munda recently expressed "shock" during a visit to the copperbelt that the authorities seemed to be doing practically nothing to put an end to the thousands of illegal foreign miners.

Romania nets \$670 million trade gain

VIENNA, Feb. 16 (R) — Romania had a trade surplus of three billion lei (\$670 million) in 1981, the official news agency Agerpres has said.

Quoting the Central Statistics Office, it said that exports rose 11.3 percent to 167.7 billion lei (\$37.5 billion) while imports were 164.7 billion lei (\$36.5 billion).

It added that the surplus permitted a slight cut in foreign debts, estimated by Western bankers to total more than \$10 billion. Agerpres said imports included 12.9 million tons of oil, 15 million of iron ore and 3.3 million of metallurgical coke.

It said the targets for farm products were not attained because of unfavorable weather and "deficient work" in some state and cooperative farms. Average monthly pay increased by 102 lei (\$23) to 2,340 lei (\$523), Agerpres reported.

KIC floats bond for U.S. company

KUWAIT, Feb. 16 (AP) — The Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) is leading a seven million Kuwaiti dinar (\$25 million) bond issue in favor of the U.S. firm Dart and Craft Finance, a KIC statement has said.

The seven-year bond, guaranteed by Dart and Craft incorporation, carries an annual interest rate averaging 11.75 to 11 percent, the statement said Monday. The issue rate will be determined in accordance with prevailing market conditions when the issue agreement is signed Feb. 26, KIC said.

The loan will be co-managed by Meryle Lynch, the National Bank of Kuwait, the Indijial Bank of Kuwait, the Arab Guarantee Company and the Al-Ahli Bank. The issue will be registered at the Luxembourg stock exchange, the statement added.

The borrower is a leading U.S. corporation engaging in consumer and foodstuffs and the loan is the second dinar-denominated issue to a distinguished American borrower, KIC said.



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Big rise in taxes seen

Ireland faces bleak future

DUBLIN, Feb. 16 (AFP) — The Irish economy is in a bad shape, and neither of the two major political parties contesting Thursday's general election are denying that they have anything to offer but very bitter medicine.

Out-going Premier Garret Fitzgerald and his chief opponent, former Prime Minister Charles Haughey, are both proposing a severe austerity budget to counter 10 giddy years of big spending and slack financial control. They both advocate a large jump in taxes

accompanied by huge cuts in credit and public spending.

Ireland is almost broke after the most prosperous decade in its history — one that saw its entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) and a massive drive to attract foreign investment.

It has a higher per capita foreign debt than Poland and a budget deficit equal to 29 percent of its gross national product. Inflation is running at 20 percent and unemployment at 13 percent.

The election was forced on Fitzgerald last month after only seven months in power when the Dail (parliament) rejected Ireland's first austerity budget in 30 years.

But his centrist Fine Gael Party, which came into power in a fragile coalition with the Labor Party, is making no concessions. Its electoral campaign is based almost entirely on the budget that led to its defeat.

The other major party, Haughey's Fianna Fail, is presenting a similar program, but coated with a little more sugar, such as a high tax on businesses to replace the unpopular holiday tax. It is generally conceded that an austerity budget is unavoidable. The main election issue is the choice of the man best suited to guide Ireland through the lean years ahead.

Fitzgerald has been widely praised in the local press for having the political courage to present a necessary but unpopular belt-tightening program. His honesty won him considerably more personal popularity than Haughey, whose credibility has plummeted during the current electoral campaign. But recent opinion polls say the Fine Gael and the Fianna Fail are running neck-and-neck.

Observers believe the outcome hinges on the face-to-face television debate Wednesday between the two leaders — the first in Ireland's political history. Haughey has the edge here, since he has a more relaxed screen personality.

World Bank sets Sahara region's needs at \$17b

VIENNA, Feb. 16 (R) — Sub-Saharan Africa will need \$17.8 billion over the next decade to meet its development needs, according to World Bank vice-president David Knox.

Knox gave the estimate in an interview Monday with OPECNA, the news agency of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). He is in Vienna for an OPEC-sponsored aid strategy meeting for Sub-Saharan Africa, which includes the whole continent with the exception of white-ruled South Africa and the North African Arab states.

OPECNA also reported that an estimate by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, presented to the meeting, said the region would need \$26 billion over the next 10 years to become self-sufficient in food by the year 2000.

"This is a staggering sum of money," Knox told the agency, "and it is obvious that it cannot be procured through traditional donor sources."

Knox added that over the past years there had been significant changes in the economic policies of many African countries in which agriculture was given a new high priority. He said the World Bank and other institutions had been calling for this change of emphasis for a long time.

The aid strategy meeting ended Monday with a call to aid donors to consider assisting Sub-Saharan Countries in the creation of local and regional financial markets while introducing greater simplicity and flexibility into their lending procedures, OPECNA reported.

In his interview, Knox said the World Bank is not a relief agency providing "soft" loans on easy terms for projects, but expects tangible results from its contributions to developing countries.

He was commenting on a recent statement by World Bank President A.W. Clausen that the way to help developing countries was to expand private enterprise. Knox, who heads the West Africa regional section of the World Bank, denied that Clausen's remarks constituted a change in the bank's policy.

Tin prices soar anew

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Renewed producer support buying Monday broke a lull during the two previous trading days and again sent the price of tin spiralling to 8,930 pounds (\$16,341.20) a metric ton, or \$7.41 a pound weight.

Monday's closing price was 200 pounds (\$366) higher than Friday's, but 55 pounds (\$100.65) below the record hit early last week.

Three months deliveries closed at 7,887.50 pounds (\$14,434.10) a metric ton, opening the gap between cash and three months deliveries or premium, called "backwardation," to a record £,035.50 -pounds (\$1,894.96) a metric ton.

On Friday, dealers said prices had eased because of new arrivals of tin on the London metal exchange.

Monday's renewed buying spree was fueled by the fact that some dealers were about to be caught with uncovered positions in about 10 days time and probably also were in the market.

The LME said the day's turnover was 4,395 metric tons of tin metal and described the market as "firm."

Tin International, the authoritative London monthly, ascribed this unilateral support activity to consumers resisting a review of the outdated International Tin Council buffer stock range.

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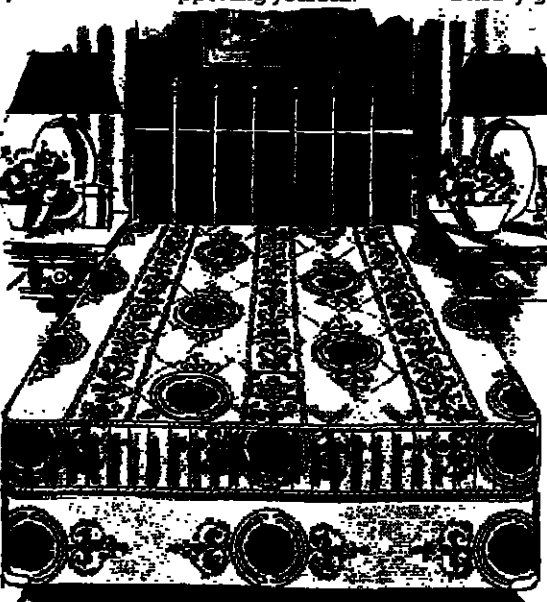
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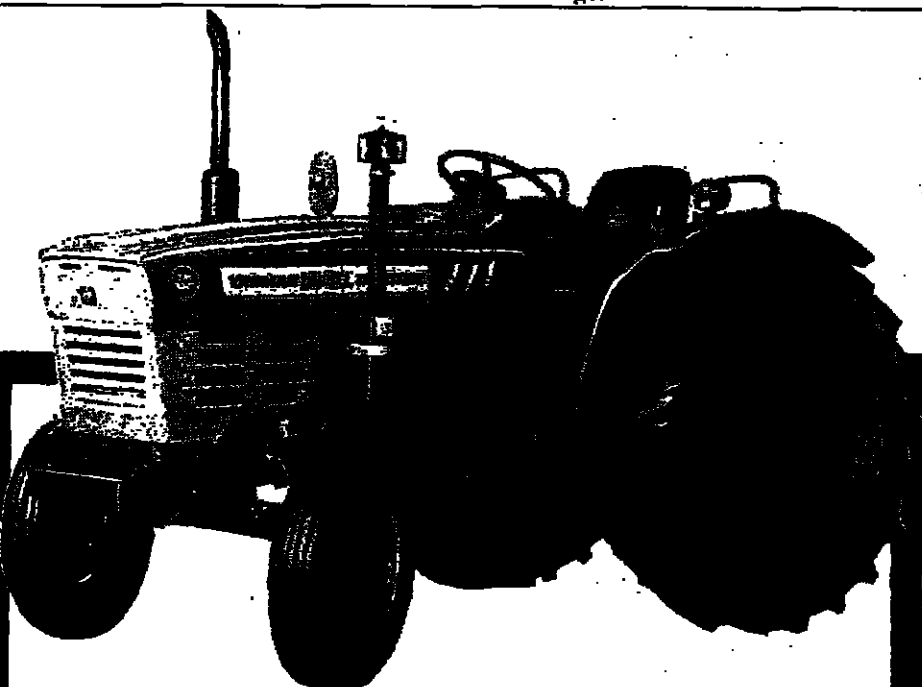
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Carl Lewis bags Sullivan award

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Feb. 16 (AP) — Carl Lewis, 20, the world indoor record holder in the long jump at 28 feet, 1 inch (8.56 m), received the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union's Sullivan Award Monday night as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete for 1981.

Lewis, a sophomore at the University of Houston, received the award at the annual Sullivan banquet at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

He was the first athlete since Jesse Owens in 1936 to win the long jump and the 100-meter dash in the NCAA Track and Field Meet, and he also was a double winner in those events in the Athletics Congress Meet last year.

"It is so far out, just incredible," said Lewis. "This makes me feel good about what it represents. To be worthy of an award like this speaks for itself." The award was presented by former swimmer John Nabor, the 1977 Sullivan winner.

Other finalists for this year's award, representing accomplishments in 1981, included track star Evelyn Ashford, unbeaten in the 100-meter dash and acclaimed by track and field news as the sport's top woman athlete in the world.

Other favorites were figure skater Scott Hamilton, the reigning U.S. and world champion, and swimmer Mary T. Meagher, a high school junior who set world records in the 100 and 200 meter butterfly events.

Meanwhile, in Pocatello, Idaho, Alberto Salazar of the United States won a cross country race Monday to be selected in a national team to go to the World Championships in Rome March 21.

Salazar, winner of the last New York Marathon and holder of the world best performance for the specialty, set a time of 36:52.4, beating team-mates Dan Dillon and Craig Virgin over a particularly grueling course.

The first nine finishers were selected to go to Italy. They were: Salazar, Dillon, Virgin, Don Clary, Guy Arbogast, Pat Porter, Dan Heikkinen, Jon Sinclair and Herb Lindsay.



Carl Lewis... outstanding athlete

FISA won't recognize new body

PARIS, Feb. 16 (APF) — The newly-formed Professional Racing Drivers' Association will not be given recognition from the president of the International Automobile Federation (FISA), Jean-Marie Balestre, according to a statement made during the weekend.

Balestre said that the drivers already had sufficient representation and that, "there is no reason to give any special rights to an association of few professional drivers." The new association of 19 Formula One drivers was formed here on Feb. 7, amid the ongoing battle between Formula One drivers and FISA.

The Formula One drivers and FISA have been at loggerheads over the proposed new super license, which led to the imposition of fines on the Formula One drivers who participated in the one-day strike before the Kyalami Grand Prix.

The drivers' association's President, Didier Pironi, claimed that the drivers were fighting not only on the licenses issue, but also about the safety on the circuits. The drivers claim that the new licenses would release the race organizers from responsibility for accidents and would hinder drivers negotiating their contracts.

A total number of 28 drivers were fined and put under a threat of suspension by FISA on Jan. 28. But the drivers and FISA have refused to budge from their stands.

By dropping 3 top strikers Jock Stein causes stir

GLASGOW, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Scottish Manager Jock Stein Monday named his team for the friendly against World Cup hosts Spain in Valencia on February 24 — and caused a stir by overlooking three of British soccer's best strikers.

Joe Jordan, Steve Archibald and Andy Gray, three powerfully-built center-forwards, were all overlooked. Instead, Stein preferred the greater mobility of players like Alan Brazil of Ipswich and Dundee United's Paul Sturrock to team up with Kenny Dalglish, who is playing as well as ever for European champions Liverpool.

Jordan's omission was the biggest surprise. He led the Scottish attack in the last two world cup finals and was widely regarded as a certainty to do so again in Spain. But he has had a troubled season with AC Milan in the Italian league, a fact which presumably influenced Stein's decision.

In leaving out Jordan, Archibald and Gray, Stein suggested that he hopes to put greater emphasis on skill and control in the finals than the traditional British attributes of fitness and commitment.

Stein may feel that on the hardbaked pitches of southern Spain, where Scotland meet Brazil, the Soviet Union and New Zealand in the preliminary stages of the finals, skill will pay greater dividends than sheer physical presence.

Scottish team: Allan Rough (Partick Thistle), Billy Thomson (St. Mirren), Danny

McGrain (Celtic), Frank Gray (Leeds), Willie Miller (Aberdeen), Alex McLeish (Aberdeen), Alan Hansen (Liverpool), Roy Aitken (Celtic), David Narey (Dundee United).

Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), John Wark (Ipswich), Asa Hartford (Manchester City), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), David Cooper (Rangers), Paul Sturrock (Dundee United), Alan Brazil (Ipswich), John Robertson (Nottingham Forest).

Meanwhile, the Italian Football Federation Tuesday named its squad from which it will draw a team to play France in next Tuesday's (February 23) friendly international at the Parc Des Princes in Paris.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Dino Zoff (Juventus), Ivano Bordon (Inter). Backs: Claudio Gentile (Juventus), Fulvio Collovati (Milan AC), Gaetano Scirea (Juventus), Antonio Cabrini (Juventus), Luciano Marangoni (Roma), Pietro Vierchowood (Fiorentina).

Midfield: Gabriele Oriali (Inter), Giampiero Marini (Inter), Marco Tardelli (Juventus), Giuseppe Dossena (Torino). Forwards: Bruno Conti (Roma), Francesco Graziani (Fiorentina), Roberto Pruzzo (Roma), Franco Selvaggi (Cagliari).

World Cup finalists Honduras lost 2-1 to Venezuela club side Universidad de Los Andes in the final of a four-team soccer tournament Monday in Merida, Venezuela. Honduras are drawn in Group Five in Spain with hosts, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland.

In World Women's Softball Championships Taipei to allow Chinese participation

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Feb. 16 (AP) — Taiwan, turning a blind eye to political differences with the People's Republic of China, will formally accept China's participation in the fifth World Women's Softball Championships to be held here in July; it was officially announced Tuesday.

Don Porter, secretary-general of the International Softball Federation (ISF) said all 46 ISF members, including China, will be informed within three days of the decision to hold the meet in Taiwan.

Taiwan, however, will not send invitations directly to Peking. Chinese sports officials already have said China will participate in the Taiwan tournament. There was no immediate response, however, to the announcement Tuesday in Taipei. A spokesman for the State Sports Federation said he had no comment until China was notified directly by the International Softball Federation.

Porter made the announcement at a news conference at Taipei's Grand Hotel after four days of discussions with Ho Ming-Chang, president of the Chinese-Taipei Softball

Association, and other sports officials here. He said ISF members are required to submit their responses within 15 days of receiving the invitations. The Softball Championships will be held in Taiwan from July 2-11.

It would be the first time athletes from mainland China would compete in a sports event in Taiwan, seat of the rival Nationalist Chinese government since the Communist government was established in Peking in 1949.

Women's teams from Taiwan and mainland China met for the first time on non-Chinese soil during the Youth World Softball Championships at Edmonton, Canada, in 1981. The mainland squad won 7-4.

Porter arrived here Saturday in the wake of news reports here that Taiwan may relinquish its right to host the July sports meet to avoid "political and peace overtures from Peking." Taiwan first offered to host the fifth championships in 1979, before China's 1981 admittance to the ISF. Peking had already indicated its desire to participate in the tournament.

Porter told reporters the championship will

be held as "scheduled" in Taipei and that "all participating teams will be granted necessary visas-entry permits in accordance with the normal government regulations. On Monday, Porter inspected Taipei's Baseball stadium and declared the facilities "excellent."

In reply to question, Porter acknowledged that the mainland China's participation in the games was a "sensitive issue," adding that it was the focus of his talks with sports officials here during the past four days. He added that the games should be "free of political implication and all participating teams will receive the same treatment regardless of where they come from."

Before concluding the news conference, Porter and Ho jointly signed an agreement that Taiwan will formally host the July World Championships. Michael Lee, secretary-general of the Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee, was on hand to witness the signing ceremony.

Afterward, Lee said he would be "very disappointed if a mainland Chinese team does not come to Taipei" after all.

Timman takes full points from Karpov

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 16 (AP) — Holland's Jan Timman defeated world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union Monday in the completion of games suspended during the first six rounds of the Magistral IV Chess Tournament underway here.

Karpov, who abandoned without renewing with Timman, offered a draw to Argentina's Oscar Panno in the completion of another suspended contest. The offer was accepted.

Hungary's Lajos Portisch, who leads Timman by a point with five and a half points, did not have any games to complete.

In other action Monday Qumteros drew with Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union, Polugaevsky beat Carlos Garcia Palermo of Argentina, Sweden's Ulf Andersson beat Garcia Palermo and Bent Larsen of Denmark drew with Argentina's Sergio Giar-delli.

Tuesday is a day off. The 13-round, \$25,000 tournament is sponsored by Buenos Aires' Clarin Newspaper.

Meanwhile, in Reykjavik, Iceland, U.S. Grandmaster Lev Albert and Daniel Gurevich, also of the United States, both won their sixth round matches Monday night and shared the lead in the 10th International Chess Tournament in the Icelandic capital.

Among the spectators Monday was exiled Soviet Grandmaster Victor Korchnoi, who was in Reykjavik for the weekend.



CUTS PAST: Tottenham's Marc Falco, who scored the winning goal, cuts past Aston Villa's Kenny Swain in the F.A. cup fifth round clash Saturday.

McGrain, Hartford brave the odds

GLASGOW, Feb. 16 (R) — By all normal standards Danny McGrain and Asa Hartford have no business playing for Scotland in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain.

McGrain, the captain, is a diabetic. Hartford, his deputy, has a hole in the heart. McGrain's attacking forays and crunching tackles will undoubtedly add to his legion of admirers, but few will be aware of the catalog of illness and injury which has dogged his brilliant career with Scotland and Glasgow Celtic.

His medical dossier is not for the squeamish: March 25, 1972 — suffered a fractured skull playing for Celtic against Falkirk. June 1974 — fainted with death during the World Cup finals in West Germany after contracting diabetes. Oct. 1, 1977 — limped off against St. Hibernian with a mysterious injury which kept him out of football — and the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina — for 15 months.

McGrain made a total recovery from the skull fracture to emerge as one of the world's outstanding fullbacks during Scotland's three preliminary group matches in the 1974 finals. What no one knew, including McGrain himself, was that he was suffering from diabetes and had played against Zaire, Brazil and Yugoslavia on the verge of a potentially-fatal coma.

In his biography, "Celtic, My Team", McGrain disclosed: "If Scotland had made it to the quarterfinals it could have been the death of me." Scotland, unbeaten in its group, were piped for a place in the last eight on goal difference by the Brazilians. The dejected squad returned home and McGrain entered hospital.

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"I'd no idea what was wrong," he wrote, "I was losing a lot of weight and constantly had a raging thirst. When diabetes was diagnosed, the specialist told me that if I had played in one more game without treatment I could have slipped into a coma and death would have been a distinct possibility. It was fortunate for me we didn't get past the group stage."

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McGrain returned to pick up a clutch of league and cup medals with Celtic and added to his already illustrious reputation in Scotland. But three years later his career hung in the balance yet again.

A harmless-looking tackle in a league match against Hibernian left him nursing an injured ankle. There was no obvious damage but it would be 15 months before he reappeared in the Celtic first team.

In a football-crazy city such as Glasgow, it was not possible for a player of the stature of McGrain to avoid public attention. As the months went by so the rumors about Danny's ankle grew or more fanatic team-mates talked of visits to faith-healers and acupuncturists and lengthy spells in a private clinic at England.

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Players to serve FIFA ultimatum

MADRID, Feb. 16 (AFP) — International footballers could stage a "spectacular" protest during the World Cup finals in Spain this summer if their demand for a share of television retransmission fees is not met.

The International Federation of Professional Footballers (FIFPRO) is expected to deliver an ultimatum on their demand to the International Football Federation (FIFA) at its annual congress here on April 18.

Meanwhile, Johan Cruyff will wait until after this summer's World Cup finals to decide what to do with the rest of his illustrious career.

The former Dutch World Cup captain is currently back with his first love, Ajax of Amsterdam, after displaying his talents in Spain and the U.S.

The 34-year-old Cruyff, is still playing well and has been the inspiration of an improving young Ajax side. His presence has also boosted the takings at the gates as the fans flock back to see their idol.

But, Cruyff himself, seems to have one eye on another mission abroad saying, "There are a lot of extra responsibilities playing in such a young side as Ajax. Perhaps next year it would be better to join a big-name club."

Two Italian sides, AC Milan and Perugia have already made enquiries, but Cruyff has said he will wait until after the World Cup finals until deciding what to do next.

Caldwell ousts Desaulniers

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 16 (AP) — Fourth-seeded Clive Caldwell of Toronto upset defending champion Mike Desaulniers of New York in five games Monday to take the Open men's title in the World Professional Squash Association Championships before a home town crowd.

Caldwell, who won the hardball title two years ago, employed a grinding, disciplined style to out Desaulniers, 15-8, 9-15, 5-15, 15-6, 15-8.

"The whole key (to my win) was to take Mike out of the middle of the court and push him into the far corners," said Caldwell, who had lost three straight games in one-half hour last week to the runner-up in St. Louis, Missouri. Caldwell fell behind two games to one when allowed the energetic Desaulniers to dictate the speed and pace of play.

After changing into a dry, white shirt, a revitalized Caldwell regained his previous rhythm. Desaulniers hadn't lost a match in 2 1/2 months, but lacked his usual intensity against Caldwell. The former NCAA champion at Harvard University said: "It's a little hazardous to be No. 1 in Clive's backyard (Toronto)." This season, Desaulniers had to wrest the top ranking on the WPSA tour from Shaif Khan, 37, of Toronto, who won the World Pro title nine times.

Taking the consolation final in the open category was Stuart Goldstein, defeating fellow-American Mark Talbott, 14-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-10. Unranked Mark

Panarese, U.S. won the professional's title with a 15-9, 15-7, 11-15, 15-4 win over Ian Shaw of Toronto, while Mohiaddin Khan, U.S., gained the veteran's crown when his opponent, Yusuf Khan, U.S., retired from the match during the fourth game with a head injury. Alicia McConne, U.S., took the world junior women's championships, beating Kate Silver, U.S., 15-9, 15-11, 15-10.

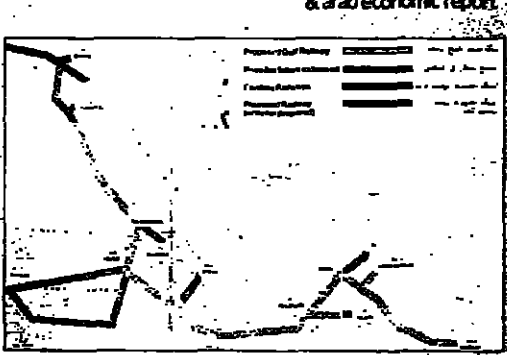
Meanwhile, Australian Dean Williams, the top seed, was beaten 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-4, by second seed Ross Norman of New Zealand in the men's final of the International Squash Tournament Monday.

EBU yet to pay final installment

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (R) — Olympic officials here have held productive talks with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) on its failure to complete payment for its television rights to the 1984 summer games.

The Union, which represents 31 countries in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, failed to pay the final installment of \$12 million by the contract deadline of Feb. 1. The Union obtained the television rights for \$19.8 million. By comparison, the U.S. rights were sold to the ABC television network for \$225 million. The union had always intended to pay the money, according to a spokesman, but a series of technical details had to be resolved.

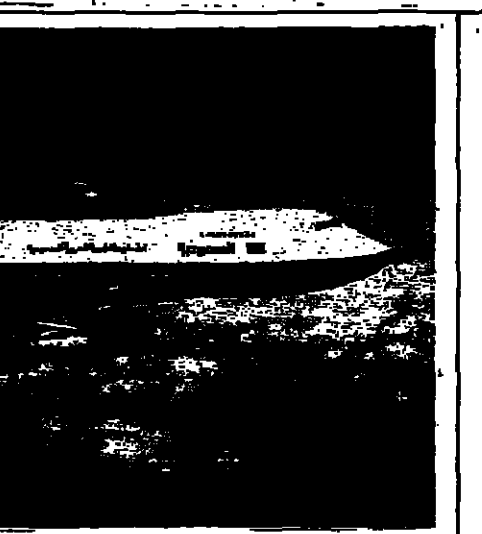
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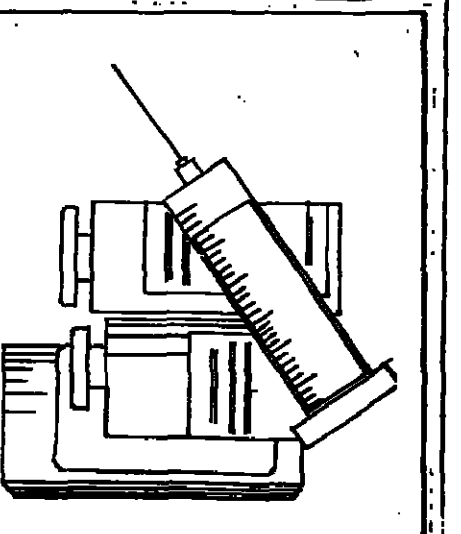
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In welterweight division

Sugar Ray batters Finch to retain crown

RENO, Nevada, Feb. 16 (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard battered Bruce Finch to the canvas three times and stopped him in the third round Monday night to retain the undisputed Welterweight title of World Boxing Championship.

Leonard completely dominated the first title fight here in 72 years. The bout was billed as "Reno's got it," but Reno had it for less than nine minutes as Leonard completely outclassed Finch.

About midway in the second round, Finch pinned Leonard in a neutral corner and landed several punches to the head and body while missing many others. Suddenly, Leonard pounded three savage hooks to the body and a crisp right to the jaw that sent Finch staggering across the ring.

Leonard leaped to the attack and landed a fusillade of head punches, climaxed by a right that dropped Finch. Finch struggled up at the count of eight and went down a short while later from another flurry to the head. Again he struggled up and managed to last out the round, although he reeled about the ring.

Then, in the third round, Finch seemed to be boxing well when Leonard suddenly unleashed a left hook that traveled just a few inches to the challenger's jaw. Down went



Sugar Ray Leonard... on his way to become a legend

Finch on his hands and knees. He struggled up at eight, wobbled back against the ropes and referee Mills Lane signaled the fight was over at 1:50 of the round.

At a prefight press conference, Leonard had told Finch, "I'll give you an opportunity to fight for the title, not to win it." Finch never had a chance. The 27-year-old Finch is called "Lightning," but on this night Leonard packed all the thunder.

The two men had met each other as amateurs nine years ago, with Leonard winning a three-round decision. "I'm a much better fighter than I was when I was an amateur," said Finch. But he is not in Leonard's class. And with money on the line, he couldn't last three full rounds.

It was Leonard's first defense of the undisputed title he won Sept. 16 when he stopped Thomas Hearns in the 14th round at Las Vegas. The easy victory was his 32nd against a single loss to Roberto Duran, which Leonard avenged in New Orleans on Nov. 25, 1980.

Leonard, who weighed 146 pounds (66.2 kg), one pound (.45 kg) under the class limit, had said, "In the first round, I'm going straight for him." But the champion opened cautiously, circling while Finch, 145½ (65.9 kg), stalked him. Finch seemed to have an edge in the round.

Finch was doing well in the second round as Leonard continued to seem tentative. Then,

Leonard exploded, and Finch didn't have a shot. Leonard has said he wants to defend the title three or four times this year, and his next fight might be against Roger Stafford, rated No. 3 by the World Boxing Association and No. 4 by the World Boxing Council. Finch had been rated third by the WBC but was unranked by the WBA.

Finch, who fights out of Las Vegas, lost for the fourth time against 30 wins and one draw in a pro career that started in 1973. He made \$100,000, which was 33 times more his previous high purse.

Finch said he turned pro because "I was getting too many black eyes, and I wasn't getting paid for it." Well, he got paid for his shot at glory, and he earned every penny of it. Leonard's impressive victory, worth at least \$1 million, was witnessed a sellout crowd in the 6,700-seat Sentinial Coliseum. It was televised live.

The bout was the first title match here since Jack Johnson retained the world heavyweight championship by knocking out Jim Jeffries in the 15th round July 4, 1910, in one of boxing's legendary fights. The Leonard-Finch fight certainly won't become a boxing legend. But the fighter who won it is on his way to becoming a legend.

As injury plagues challenger

Cooney-Holmes WBC bout in doubt

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Heavyweight challenger Gerry Cooney began a series of physical tests Monday that likely will determine if he can keep his March 15th title date with World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes.

Cooney, who left his training camp over the weekend because of an aching left shoulder, was examined by Dr. Jeffrey Minkoff, his personal physician who is an orthopedic surgeon, at the NYU Medical Center, the fighter's co-manager Dennis Rappaport said. "The doctor prescribed additional muscle tests but the facilities were not available immediately because it was Washington's birthday." A statement within 24-48 hours on the status of the Las Vegas fight could be expected.

Asked, on the basis of the preliminary part of the physical exams, if he thought the fight would come off on time, Rappaport said, "I am extremely concerned. To tell you I am overly optimistic, I would be less than candid. But until I have all the information, anything I say would be premature."

Rappaport was not enthusiastic about a call by Don King, co-promoter of fight, that Cooney be examined by "an objective, special team of doctors to determine the extent and nature of any possible injury."

"King will get exactly what the contract calls for — no more no less. If the contract gives him the right to have his doctors examine Gerry, then that's what we will do. If it's not in the contract, then he won't. It's that simple."

Cooney halted training Saturday and returned to his Long Island home on orders of Minkoff, who said the 25-year-old challenger "was in obvious pain" from a torn muscle in his left shoulder. Cooney injured his shoulder Jan. 11, while training for an exhibition against Joe Bugner. That fight was canceled. King wants other doctor to see the fighter.

Meanwhile, whatever the outcome of their final eliminator for a shot at Marvin Hagler's world middleweight crown, Dwight Davison and European champion Tony Sibson of Britain will share an after-fight cordial get together.

Davison 26, from Detroit, said at a press conference in Birmingham, England, Monday: "Whatever happens I'd like to get together with Tony afterward. I believe in good sportsmanship and do not pray to win, only that neither my opponent nor myself get hurt. It's a hard business but we should act

like human beings."

Davison, a physical therapy student at Michigan's Wayne State University, is managed by Carl King, son of the extroverted American promoter, Don King. King has brought over a light-heavyweight sparring partner for Davison, who was stopped 23 of his 32 opponents.

"Middleweights simply can't stand up to the power of Dwight's punches," said King. "Sibson will do himself a favor by getting beaten as quickly as possible." But Sibson, too, can punch as former British world champion Alan Minter discovered when he was knocked out in the third round of their European title fight last year.

Thailand's Netoi Vorasing and Filipino Andy Balaba will meet in a 12-round contest March 6 with the winner promised a shot at the World Boxing Association flyweight crown, the Philippine news agency reported Tuesday.

Petromin snatches one-wicket victory

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Feb. 16 — It was close thing for Petromin in the Invitational Cricket League match conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League against Juyaimah-RT Cricket Club here last weekend.

With just over an hour and within sights of Juyaimah's total of 185, Farooq Qureshi steered Petromin past the tally and set the

palpitations to rest. But it was once again Petromin's opener Khalid Nabi who shone with the bat. But he had to share the limelight with another batsman — Saadullah Khan of Juyaimah — in one of the most exciting tussle of the week.

Juyaimah, making the first use of the strip, began confidently with Saadullah Khan going great guns: He notched a quick 45 — which included three might sixes — as small but useful contributions from other batsmen aided Juyaimah to a respectable tally of 185 in 28.6 overs.

Petromin began its quest in a fine fashion with Khalid Nabi leading the chase. Khalid hit 63 and Imran Manzoor 35 to put Petromin on a sound footing. But a middle order cave in suddenly saw the Petromin languishing in the rate and also increasing the prospects of a nail-biting finish. The bowlers to bring about this change were Fazli and Alvi. They returned fine figures of four for 34 and three for 40 respectively.

In another close match, Arabian Eagles survived early setbacks to record a facile four wickets verdict over Abbassain GCC in the latter's ground at Al-Khobar. The victory saw the Eagles record its 13th straight victory in the League.

Abbassain, batting first, were on the road to a big total with its earlier batsmen coming true with their bat. Pervaz led the spree with a well-made 56 with Ejaz contributing 55. Ejaz had a good stint with the ball also as he



Gerry Cooney... fitness in doubt

caused an early slide in the Eagles' innings. But a solid 60 by Rashid and an elegant 51 by Shoaib stemmed the rot and a breezy unbeaten 33 by Karim Jan saw the Eagles coast through.

Three batsmen dominated in Arabian Gulf Cricket Club's fluent five-wickets win over Fluor Arabia at Dammam. Fluor Arabia hit up 195 in 27 overs and the target proved within easy reach of the Arabian Gulf batsmen with Sajjad (62), Sikander Farooqui (43) and Shakeel (38 not out) scoring the bulk of the runs in Arabian Gulf's victory. Shakeel crowned the superb day with an all-round show — claiming four Fluor wickets for 26 runs earlier.

Karachi Gymkhana had things much its own way in the match against Saulex Cricket Club at Al-Khobar. Enjoying the first use of the pitch, its batsmen reveled under the prevailing conditions to rattle up a quick 236 for seven wickets in its allotted overs. Arif Gul Butt (48), Khalid Mehmood (48) and Waheed (39 not out) were the main scorers. And Saulex succumbed under the sustained spell of Karachi Gymkhana and was shot out for a mere 66.

BAC Cricket Club received a walkover from Lahore Cricket Club, while the scheduled matches between Aramco-Abqaiq and SCECO, YFCC and Bechtel Jubail CC were abandoned due to unplayable ground conditions.

Brief scores

Juyaimah-RT CC 185 in 28.6 overs (Saadullah Khan 45, Mubarak 27 n.o., Asif 27, Siraj 26, Mumtaz Chowdhury 3 for 30, Habib Sheikh 2 for 32, Khalid Nabi 2 for 34) lost to Petromin CC 186 for 9 wickets in 29 overs (Khalid Nabi 63, Imran Manzoor 35, Shaikat Sheikh 24, Farooq Qureshi 16 n.o., Fazli 4 for 34, Alvi 3 for 40).

Abbassain GCC 202 for 9 wickets in 30 overs (Pervaz 56, Ejaz 55, Shahbaz 33, Khalid Khan 2 for 38, Alaudin 2 for 38, Shabbir 2 for 47) lost to Arabian Eagles 206 for 6 wickets in 27 overs (Rashid 60, Shoaib 51, Karim Jan 33 n.o., Ghulam Shabbir 29, Ejaz 3 for 32).

Fluor Arabia CC 195 in 27 overs (Abdul Ghafour 45, Adil Mir 52, Shakeel 4 for 26, Pervaz 56).

Nassir Mahmood 2 for 29) lost to Arabian Gulf CC 196 for 5 wickets in 23.6 overs (Sajjad 62, Sikander 43, Shakeel 38 n.o., Zahid 4 for 33).

Karachi Gymkhana CC 236 for 7 wickets in 30 overs (Arif Gul Butt 48, Khalid Mehmood 48, M. Waheed 39 n.o. beat Saulex CC 66 in 21 overs).

Al-Khobar 82 in 21 overs (Nadeem H. 14, Nayyar 5 for 12) lost to Al-Quraysh CC 83 for 3 wickets in 13 overs (Agha Nadeem 26 n.o., Humayoon 39).

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The later Pak Saudi batsmen sent Sikander on a leather hunt after Pervaz and Shahbaz had provided them with a flying start. Zaher notched a quick 22, while Nasim was once again unbeaten with a brisk 35. Sikander was also not without achievement. Sultan's excellent fielding — in which he took four catches at mid-off — was outstanding with the tireless bowling of Junaid (3 for 80), while Irfan (3 for 65) also stood out.

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The later Pak Saudi batsmen sent Sikander on a leather hunt after Pervaz and Shahbaz had provided them with a flying start. Zaher notched a quick 22, while Nasim was once again unbeaten with a brisk 35. Sikander was also not without achievement. Sultan's excellent fielding — in which he took four catches at mid-off — was outstanding with the tireless bowling of Junaid (3 for 80), while Irfan (3 for 65) also stood out.

The tall order set by Pak Saudi proved too much for Sikander and the sedate start also did not aid to its efforts. Irfan was the only batsman to show some promise with a bright

Denmark Grand Prix status revoked

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP) — The \$150,000 Danish Indoor Championships were removed Tuesday from the Grand Prix circuit by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council because of Denmark's decision to bar at least three South African players.

It was the first such action ever taken by the MIPTC and Mark Meyers, the Council's assistant administrator, said he doubted the March 1-7 tournament, the first on this year's Grand Prix schedule, would be played.

The Grand Prix status was canceled because of the tournament's inability to guarantee that the tennis players would be selected upon merit rather than other considerations, such as politics, Meyers said. "We don't want to get away from accepting players based on their success in tennis tournaments. It's the only fair way to do it."

Denmark's foreign ministry had said earlier Tuesday that Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen was standing by his decision to bar Kevin Curren, Andrew Pattison, Dave Mitton and possibly others.

This reversed earlier indications that Olesen was softening his stance. Tournament organizer Palle Christiansen had met

with the minister Monday night to try to convince him that the three players named would represent themselves and not South Africa, where they were born.

Christiansen said he had met with Olesen in an "open, positive atmosphere" and told him the three South Africans were currently living in the United States and were married there.

Olesen said the players' United States residency did not affect their South African citizenship so Denmark would uphold a policy from 1980 to refuse entry visas to all South Africans seeking to enter sports events, whether they are playing as individuals or on a national team.

Meyers said he believed the Council's decision to revoke the tournament's sanction will force its cancellations "because it's no longer going to be part of the Grand Prix. They won't receive any Grand Prix points" which lead toward qualification for the Volvo Grand Prix Masters Tournament at the end of the season in New York.

In 1981, Sweden tried to bar South African Johan Kriek from playing in the Stockholm Open, then relented and let him in as an "individual." Curren also played in that tournament.

Jordan extends Turnbull

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 16 (AP) — Second-seeded Wendy Turnbull defeated Kathy Jordan 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 in a first round match Monday at the Avon Championships of Houston Tennis Tournament at the Summit. Turnbull lost her concentration in the second set, but regained it in the third. "I let up on my serve in the second set," Turnbull explained and she didn't.

Turnbull needed only 23 minutes to win the third set and finish the match. In an earlier match, Wendy White defeated Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

India, Japan win

Meanwhile, India, beat the Philippines 2-0 and Japan defeated Thailand 2-1 in quarter-

final matches of the 10-nation \$25,108 Asian Nations Cup Tennis Championships at the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur Tuesday. Sashi Menon of India beat Enrique Capulong of Philippines 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. And India won its winning point when Anand Amritraj beat Manuel Valleraras 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In another match earlier in the day, Shozo Shirashi gained the first point for Japan by beating Sombat Zuumongkol of Thailand 6-3, 7-6. Japan's Fukui ousted Panomkorn Pladchuanin 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Thailand gained the consolation point through their doubles pair of Sombat and Panomkorn who beat Hiroshi Shirato and Toru Yonezawa 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

Irish take on tough Scots

PARIS, Feb. 16 (AFP) — The French would like to think Saturday's Rugby Union International against England here was the star fixture in the day's five-nations tournament program, but the eyes of the world will be on Dublin, where Ireland are due to play Scotland.

Everyone wants to know if the dramatic recovery of form by the unpredictable Irish can continue as convincingly as it began. If they beat Scotland it would mean, of course, that they have won the triple crown for the first time since 1949, having already beaten Wales and England.

They are also the only team to have won two five-nations matches and victory Saturday would give them six points, a tally which could not be beaten, only equaled, whatever the outcome of the France-Ireland match here on March 20.

The Irish, led by Ciaran Fitzgerald, will be given a good fight by Andy Irvine's Scottish XV, who still have targets to aim at. A draw in Dublin would leave them next best placed after Ireland in the five-nations standings.

The Irish and Scottish selectors have summoned unchanged teams, and there should be an exciting duel between the rival stand-offs, Ollie Campbell of Ireland and John Rutherford of Scotland.

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Good response to Nordic skiing

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Participation by countries such as Australia and China — competing for the first time — will bring variety to the Nordic Skiing World Championships starting here Thursday.

More than 600 skiers from 27 nations are entered for the 60-day tournament, which primarily includes cross country skiing and ski jumping events.

The experienced competitors from the Nordic countries and the Soviet Union, are still likely, however, to win most of the prizes. Representatives of host country Norway will have the psychological advantage of being on

its home territory and will hope to avenge the disappointments of the previous World Championships at Lahti, Finland, in 1978 and the Lake Placid Winter Olympics in the United States two years later.

The last time the Norwegians organized the world contest, in 1966, one of their team, Gjermund Eggen, took three gold medals. Among people hoping to repeat his achievement is the Norwegian favorite, 31-year-old Oddvar Braa, who will certainly be hard to beat in the 50 km cross-country, though he could be eclipsed by 22-year-old compatriot Gunnar Mikkelsplass, an expert at the 15 km speciality.

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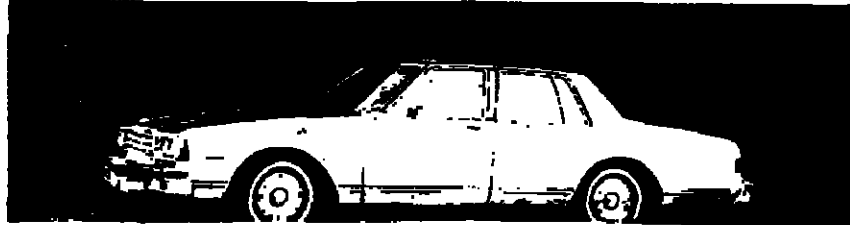
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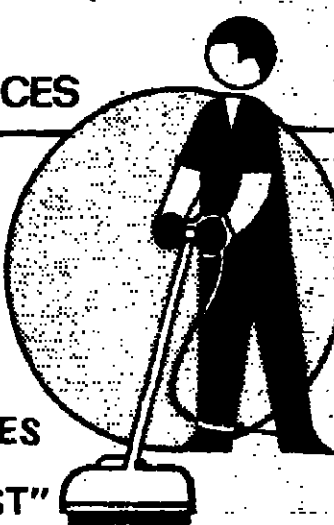
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U.S. accuses Russia of making chemical, biological weapons

MADRID, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The United States charged Tuesday that the Soviet Union operated a score of chemical and biological weapons production facilities in contravention of international accords.

Max Kampelman, chief U.S. delegate at the European Security Conference in Madrid, told the 35-state meeting that the Soviet Union had seriously and deliberately violated the 1925 Geneva Convention and the 1972 biological weapons conventions.

He said the Soviets operated a biological weapons research and production facility in Sverdlovsk in the Ural Mountains and "we are aware of five other such facilities in operation today."

He added: "The record will also show that today the Soviet Union operates at least 14 chemical weapons production facilities." Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichov angrily denied the charges, calling them lies and "false and provocative propaganda," according to conference sources.

He added that the United States had used chemical defoliants in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. Kampelman said he was speaking about chemical warfare because last week Ilyichov had criticized the American government for engaging in chemical warfare preparation.

Kampelman defended President Ronald Reagan's recently announced decision to build chemical weapons as the only "credible and effective deterrent" to Soviet production. "It is thus the reluctant policy of the United States to build and maintain a chemical munitions stockpile to deny a significant military advantage to any who would seek to initiate their use."

He added: "It is our fervent hope that this program will provide an incentive to the Soviet Union to join us in seeking a complete and verifiable ban on the production, development and stockpiling of all such weapons." The U.S.-Soviet exchanges took place during informal meetings of the heads of delegations at the long-drawn-out conference.

Meanwhile, diplomats reported Tuesday the conference appears to have begun hibernating well before it adjourns in fall, in an

atmosphere of gloom and resignation.

After more than 18 months, the conference, which aims to monitor the Helsinki accords and propose new measures conducive to detente, still has much unfinished business. At Helsinki, East, West and neutrals had agreed on a code of international conduct in the areas of security and civil rights, economic relations, and cultural and human contacts.

The conference, a Western diplomat explained, still had three main points to clarify.

First, there are the French-proposed disarmament talks, with the West holding out for more solid Eastern pledges concerning the dismantled area — hopefully from the Atlantic to the Ural Mountains.

Second, the question of monitoring existing agreements, with the Eastern bloc opposing moves which it claims interfere with its domestic affairs.

Third, there are steps the West would like to see taken — and which the East opposes — to facilitate the work of the press. These include lifting travel restrictions on reporters, recognizing their right to possess the documents required for their work, access to local sources, the right to form press associations and the right of all nationals to subscribe to foreign publications.

To this, the Americans have added a request of their own: An end to the jamming of foreign broadcasts. The Americans claim that Moscow has actually gone back on what it agreed to at Helsinki in 1975, when it stopped its jamming with the sole exception of the Munich-based Radio Free Europe which specializes in propaganda broadcasts beamed to the Eastern bloc. Americans say the jamming was resumed after the incidents in Poland.

Western diplomats Tuesday discounted the possibility of serious negotiations on these points in the remaining weeks here. In the present unfavorable climate, such negotiations would only compromise all that was painstakingly achieved to reach a package deal so far, they said.

Fitzgerald popularity still high

Irish poll favors Fianna Fail

DUBLIN, Feb. 16 (R) — An opinion poll published in the Irish Republic Tuesday suggests the opposition Fianna Fail Party has boosted its chances in Thursday's general election by promising to hold down the cost of food and clothing.

The poll, published by *The Irish Times*, gave Fianna Fail a five-point lead over the center-left coalition of Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald, though it indicated his personal popularity was still high.

The poll was taken after the party unveiled budget proposals last Friday for tackling the country's economic crisis. The results of another newspaper survey, published Tuesday by *The Irish Independent*, put the coalition in the lead. But the *Independent's* poll was taken before the Friday announcement.

Fianna Fail's budget proposals were much softer than those put forward last month by Fitzgerald. Parliament turned down his budget, causing the election. Fianna Fail

(warriors of destiny) rejected his plans to drop food subsidies and impose sweeping taxes on clothes, shoes and many other goods. "We have sought to avoid any further burden on the average family," said Fianna Fail leader Charles Haughey, bidding to return as prime minister after losing the post last year. But both polls published Tuesday said the intellectual Fitzgerald led Haughey, a blunt self-made millionaire, by some 20 points in personal popularity.

The coalition of Fitzgerald's Fine Gael (land of Ireland) Party and Labor is asking the two million voters to endorse its tough plans for the economy in Thursday's poll.

An inflation rate of over 20 percent, unemployment at 12 percent and huge foreign debts are all factors in the republic's present economic crisis. The low popularity ratings for Haughey shown by the polls have led him to abandon personal campaigning outside Dublin.

JAL pilot said seized with terror

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (R) — The pilot of a Japanese airliner which crashed into Tokyo bay last week, killing 24 persons, said Tuesday he had been seized with a feeling of terror and lost consciousness moments before the crash, published reports said.

The reports, by Kyodo news agency and the state-owned Japanese Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), quoted pilot Seiji Katagiri, 35, as making the remark during three hours of questioning by police. He is still in hospital being treated for injuries received in the crash, which occurred Feb. 9. Police said they had no knowledge of the reported remarks.

Kyodo and NHK said the captain of the Japan Air Lines (JAL) DC-8 also told police

that immediately after switching from auto to manual operation at a height of about 60 meters in preparation for touchdown "I felt something like terror which I cannot explain, and completely lost consciousness. I cannot tell at all whether I put the engines into reverse thrust or how I handled the control stick."

The pilot added that he did not feel well before taking over the plane on a flight from Fukuoka to southern Japan to Tokyo. The aircraft, carrying 174 persons, plunged into shallow water at Tokyo. In addition to those killed, 150 persons were injured, 78 seriously.



FILMMAKING: Former British SAS men act as SAS men as they land on a roof during the making of a film entitled *Who Dares Wins* at the Pinewood Studios, England, Monday. The movie is based on the Iranian Embassy siege in London.

Trial site displayed

Spain set for court martial

MADRID, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The Defense Department, underscoring the government's concern with Spain's most important military trial of the century, showed off a regally appointed court room Tuesday where three generals and 29 other right-wing military men will go on trial Friday for trying to overthrow the government last year.

"I don't know of any precedent in Spain for a court martial of this magnitude," said Maj. Arturo Beltran, part of an army team briefing more than 100 journalists at the trial site. He said it was clearly the biggest military trial of the century, and the most publicized in Spanish history. The court martial, expected to last 30-35 days, opens Friday at the army's mapping center on Madrid's outskirts.

Only a handful of seats in the decorated warehouse will be available to the public. But the civilian-run Defense Department allowed interior scenes of the court room and restricted views of the heavy security outside to be shown to the nation on the government television monopoly.

The 32 military men and one civilian will be tried before the 15-general, two-admiral "Supreme Council of Military Justice" seated in red velvet chairs on gold-colored carpet. It is the first time the council, composed of six generals with legal experience, has functioned as a court since its creation in 1959.

Defendants, lawyers and the prosecution also will sit on red velvet chairs with testimony amplified over a series of loudspeakers. The last important court martial in Spain occurred in 1970 when the army tried 16 Basque separatists for terrorism in the northern city of Burgos.

Defense department officials said the defendants, including Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans de Bosch, Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada, Maj.

Gen. Luis Torres Rojas and Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led more than 280 paramilitary civil guards in the storming of parliament last Feb. 23 in a vain attempt to overthrow the government, were already housed at mapping center army residence about 90 meters from the court room.

The prosecution is asking 30 years in prison for military rebellion for Gen. Milans de Bosch, a decorated Spanish Civil War hero who sent his tanks into the streets of eastern Valencia in apparent support of the coup attempt, and for Gen. Armada, ousted deputy army chief of staff and a former military adviser to King Juan Carlos, the Spanish head of state.

The rest of the military men are facing prison terms on conviction ranging from 18 months to 20 years. The only civilian on trial is Juan Garcia Carres, a former Franco union executive, for whom the prosecution is asking 10 years in prison, he is ill and may not attend, his lawyer said.

Meanwhile, the government is studying a plan for rehabilitating convicted Basque terrorists who wish to mend their ways, press reports said here Tuesday. The politico-military branch of the Baque movement ETA — known as ETA-PM — have been holding meetings to discuss the end of the truce, called after the failed coup of Feb. 23. Observers said it was only a matter of days before a return to armed conflict was announced, but, they added, the issue has seriously split ETA-PM ranks.

On Feb. 4, autonomous Basque government President Carlos Garaikoechea said that an ETA-PM truce end would not mean the end of talks between the ETA political branch Euzkadi Euzkerra and the Spanish Interior Ministry.

Leadership strong in China now, Hu asserts

PEKING, Feb. 16 (AP) — In an apparent effort to quell rumors of political strife in China, Chairman Hu Yaobang was quoted Tuesday as saying the party leadership is strong and united, ready to do battle with bureaucracy and corruption.

Hu's comments apparently were intended as further reassurance that the prolonged absence of his mentor, Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping, does not indicate political problems.

Deng has not been reported in public since Jan. 13 and reportedly was touring the south where he lent his considerable personal prestige to the current campaign against bureaucracy and corruption.

He is expected to make an important appearance soon, demonstrating he still is the first among equals in China's collective leadership, according to diplomatic and Chinese sources.

Hu's comments, reported by the official Xinhua news agency, were made Monday in a meeting with Professor C.C. Ting, a physicist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Our party exercises collective leadership," Hu told him. "The core of the party is united...our party leaders understand and get on with each other very well. The core of party leadership is very strong." He said older comrades are very capable and enjoy high prestige.

Chinese officials have said recently that Deng, because of his 77 years, is moving away from daily decision making and playing a larger role in shaping policy.

Chairman Hu emphasized that this year China must drastically cut government bureaucracy and resolutely punish violations of law and party discipline, especially economic corruption. "Political, economic and administrative structures should be simplified and economic offenses punished," he said.

Many outstanding professionals will be promoted, he said, and those up in years are expected to retire. "China has faced a major problem of retiring older officials who do not want to give up their privileges of office."

Political analysts say China's steamlining of the bureaucracy is imperative but entails political peril and possibly backlash from older and young people who refuse to yield their iron rice bowl-guaranteed income.

The party journal *Red Flag*, meanwhile, called again Tuesday for punishment and removal of corrupt party officials, especially those in leading posts. An editorial called for "vigorous and resolute" measures against top officials who engage in speculation, smuggling and bribery.

"Now the major problem confronting us is that the party's effectiveness has been weakened," the editorial said.

Charles, Diana travel incognito

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Prince Charles and Princess Diana, traveling on a scheduled flight under the fictitious names of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, flew out of cold, gray Britain on Tuesday for a 10-day vacation in the Bahamas.

Their party of five, three "Hardys" and two under the name of Pullin, left London's Heathrow Airport at 1215 GMT aboard a Tri-Star jet on a scheduled British Airways flight to Bermuda. They are due to stay on the island of Eleuthera at a vacation home owned by Lord Brabourne, son-in-law of the late Earl Mountbatten.

A British Airways spokesman said the royal party shared the first class section — on tickets costing 1,333 pounds (\$2,452) each — with 19 other passengers. There were a total of 229 passengers on the flight.

"They were like normal passengers in first class," said the spokesman. Lunch was to include smoked quail, roast English lamb and orange pancakes.

A crowd of about 200 airport workers stood outside the VIP lounge for 45 minutes for a glimpse of Charles, 33, and 20-year-old Diana, who is expecting her first baby in June.

More powers favored to Europe parliament

STRASBOURG, Eastern France, Feb. 16 (AFP) — More teeth for the European Parliament and less indecision from the European Community's council of Ministers was the plea made by European Commission President Gaston Thorn Tuesday.

Presenting his program for the coming year to the European Parliament here, Thorn advocated a return to a simple majority vote in the council in order to allow ministers to reach enforceable decisions. He also defended the European Economic Community (EEC) agricultural policy against charges of excessive cost, and warned that from modernization should not be allowed to cause a massive exodus from the land.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

There is, perhaps, something worse than being a crook. It is being a failed crook.

The all-time champions in this field must be that Italian gang of bank robbers who not only failed to open the bank safe but failed to open the bank door. They worked at it with all the equipment they had but the thing wouldn't budge. For they did not notice, as they pushed and pushed, the clear sign of "pull".

Runners-up must be that gang of prisoners in Mexico who planned to tunnel themselves out of their predicament. They made their calculations, obtained the required equipment, and set to the task with a will. They must have miscalculated as they found when they emerged they were right in the middle of a court room inside the prison — a court which was in full session.

And honorable mention must be made of that French grab and run thief. He heaved a brick through the window of an electrical equipment shop, failing to notice that it was made of breakproof glass. The brick rebounded and stunned him and he woke up in handcuffs surrounded by policemen.

Then there is that bank robber in the United States who marched in and demanded money. The cashier pointed out to him that it was expected in such cases that the raider carries a gun, so where was it. "It's with my friend outside," said the thief.

And the one, complete with gun, who demanded and got the money from the cashier. Then he told him to carry the money outside after him so as to evade the security camera. The cashier did, right up to the door, which he simply slammed shut and called the police....

Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awadi*

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this has the impression gathered from talking to government officials and leaders of the small Protestant churches. Poland is about 90 percent Catholic.

Metropolitan John disagreed. "We had very limited contacts," he said. "We had no possibility to see any Solidarity people in the sense of Solidarity leaders. We should have had more Roman Catholic contacts." He added that Bishop Dabrowski told the team the Polish Catholic church would not criticize the Solidarity free trade union as a mass movement but it did think some of its advisers pursued aims contrary to those of the union.

Meanwhile, Polish radio reported Tuesday a Polish worker was killed in an explosion that damaged a workers' hostel in the south-western city of Wroclaw Monday. The radio, monitored in Vienna, said the explosion was caused by "manipulation of an unidentified explosive material" according to first reports. The blast damaged two rooms and a supporting wall in the building and killed the 21-year-old worker, it added.

On Saturday, a home-made time-bomb was reported to have been found at a petrol station in the western city of Lubin. According to the official news agency PAP, the bomb, which was defused, could have ignited underground petrol tanks.

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Brussels	-30	27	-4	39	cloudy
Buenos Aires	19	66	27	80	clear
Cairo	8	46	15	59	cloudy
Caracas	19	62	26	79	cloudy
Chicago	1	34	6	43	cloudy
Copenhagen	-1	30	0	32	cloudy
Dublin	-2	29	8	46	clear
Frankfurt	1	34	6	43	cloudy
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Jakarta	23	73	30	86	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	clear
London	3	37	7	45	cloudy
Los Angeles	16	62	20	68	clear
Madrid	6	43	8	46	rain
Manila	21	70	31	88	clear
Mexico City	9	48	22	71	clear
Miami	24	75	25	77	cloudy
Montreal	-13	9	5	41	hazy
Moscow	-12	10	0	32	clear
New Delhi	10	50	20	68	cloudy
New York	11	52	14	57	clear
Nicosia	4	39	12	54	clear
Oslo	-7	19	4	39	clear
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